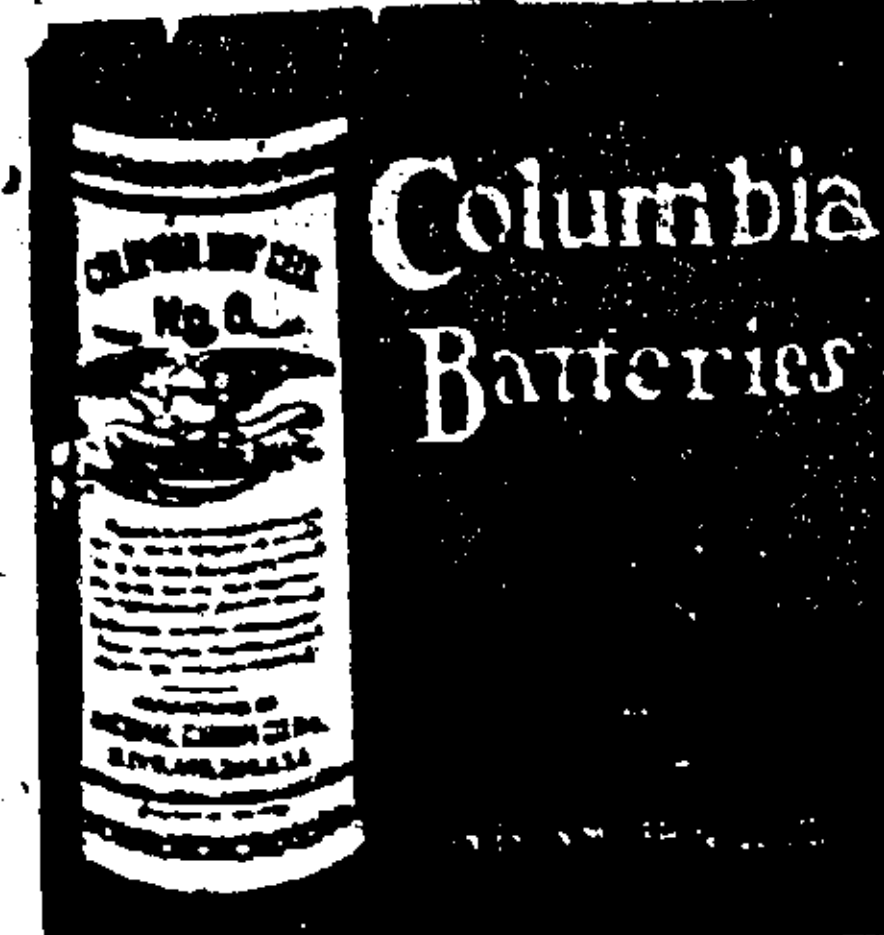




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THE NAVAL RATIO PLAN.

Awaiting an Answer from Paris.

(Reader's Service.)

Washington, December 18.

A more hopeful feeling developed this evening when it became known that the French naval plans for a new fleet of ten capital ships each of 35,000 tons has not yet been approved by the French Government. Admiral Lescage having framed the project after the departure of M. M. Briand and Viviani.

The Naval Sub-Committee's action towards the five-power naval pact has therefore been delayed pending an answer from Paris both on the tonnage programme and the American counter-proposal for a five-year capital ship tonnage of 175,000 compared with the present 184,000, in which all the other delegations interested have concurred.

Signor Schanzer, for Italy, cordially accepted the counter-proposal provided that France also agreed.

French Spokesman Declares.

Paris, December 18.

A message from Washington states that at the meeting of the Naval Committee of the Disarmament Conference M. Sarraut vigorously protested against American Press criticisms of France as obstructing the naval agreement. He declared that France came to Washington to collaborate wholeheartedly in the labours of the Conference and to prove the injustice of the charge of Imperialism. France regarded the proposals as unacceptable in view of her naval position, and protested and it was unjust to impose a fresh reduction upon the French fleet, which had already been voluntarily reduced. There is good reason to believe that a satisfactory solution will eventually be found.

AFFAIRS IN INDIA.

Mass of People Loyal.

London, December 18.

The resentment of Indians at the efforts of the agitators in connection with the Prince of Wales' visit is exemplified by events at Benares, where, despite the proclamation of a *hartal*, large crowds were massed along the Prince's route, and the *hartal* was entirely ineffective.

Generally speaking, as a well-informed correspondent in India remarks, when not terrorised by the small minority of extremists the immense mass of the people of India has shown every desire to express loyalty.

Rounding up the Moplahs.

Delhi, December 18.

It is officially announced that since the outbreak of the Malabar rebellion 1,826 Moplahs have been killed, 1,500 wounded, and 3,474 captured, while 14,341 have surrendered voluntarily.

Prominent Non-Cooperators Arrested.

Bombay, December 18.

Fifteen prominent Non-Cooperators of the United Provinces, including office-bearers in the Indian National Congress and the Khilafat movement, have been sentenced to from six to eighteen months' imprisonment on a charge of assisting in the management of unlawful associations. Altogether there were 121 arrests at Delhi.

THE REPARATIONS DILEMMA.

Correspondence between ex-Kaiser and Hindenburg.

London, December 18.

A significant commentary upon Germany's attitude towards reparations is afforded by the publication in the *Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* of correspondence from the Kaiser to Hindenburg. Writing on March 30, Hindenburg declared that the Versailles Treaty aimed at the annihilation of Germany. The fiction of Germany's responsibility for the war was the foundation of this policy. The Germans were terribly penalised for the admission of Germany's responsibility wrung against their convictions from the German representatives at Versailles, and an untrue admission of Germany's guilt was made by Dr. von Simons in London.

Replying on the 5th. April, the ex-Kaiser calls God to witness that he did his utmost consistent with the security and integrity of the Fatherland to avoid war. The ex-Kaiser continues: "To talk of Germany's guilt for war is out of the question. There is no longer any doubt that not Germany but the Entente methodically prepared for war and deliberately brought it about."

WALL STREET EXPLOSION.

Lindenfeld Turns Informer.

New York, December 18.

According to the Associated Press correspondent at Warsaw, the police state that Lindenfeld has confessed and agreed to turn State evidence. He has given full particulars as regards the conspiracy, and declares that the carefully planned intention to kill Morgan miscarried owing to the bomb exploding prematurely. He also says that the Third International of Moscow paid the New York Communist \$30,000 for distribution among the five principal conspirators, all of whom are now in Europe (see Earlier Cables).

PLEBISCITE FAVOURS HUNGARY.

Budapest, December 18.

The voting in the plebiscite respecting the Burgenland territory resulted: 15,349 for Hungary; 8,227 for Austria.

(Other Early and Local Telegrams on Page 2.)

WEDDING.

Stewart Cox.

Of great interest to a large circle of friends was the wedding, which took place on Saturday afternoon at St. John's Cathedral, of Mr. Allan Brown Stewart, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., and Miss Mary Cox who arrived here from Home by the P. and O. Dongola. The Rev. H. Copley

Moyle performed the ceremony, the bride, who was attended by the Misses Peggy and Joan Hornell as bridesmaids, being given away by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard. Mr. G. H. Bowker was the best man.

Following the ceremony a reception was given at the residence of Mr. Bernard, of Jardine's House at East Point, which was largely attended. The couple left for Fanning where the honeymoon is being spent.

ASKED TO BE HANGED.

Prisoner's Strange Request.

"It is no use troubling all these gentlemen; if there is such a sentence as hanging, please hang me," said one of the prisoners at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

In this case a man named Young was charged with being found by night at No. 266 Des Voeux Road West attempting to commit a felony and there was an alternative charge of attempting to steal.

Lying half asleep and half awake, about nine at night on N.V. 12th in a house in Des Voeux Road West, a small Chinese boy was roused by the noise of a squeaky bolt in a door near by. Cautiously looking around, the boy saw through the lattice work above the door the silhouette of a man's head. The owner of the head probably realised that he had disturbed an inmate of the house, for as soon as the boy looked, it disappeared. But the boy was of more than average intelligence, apparently, and he pretended to go to sleep but watching all the time "one eye open". In a few moments the head appeared behind the lattice work again, followed by a portion of the man's body. There was a light burning at the time and the boy saw an arm thrust through the lattice work and attempt to reach a parcel which was lying inside on a shelf. The boy then shouted out.

A Chinese constable was on duty in the street outside and he arrested the man, whom he had once arrested before for a previous offence, and took him to the Police Station.

Prisoner denied that he was the man whom the small boy saw. He was in the street at the time and a constable, who had arrested him the previous August, took him to the Police Station. Prisoner alleged that the constable struck him, which was emphatically denied. Prisoner also persisted that when he was in the Police Station he was given tea, and this too was denied.

Asked if he had any witnesses, prisoner said it was no use to call any. He wanted His Lordship to sentence him as soon as possible; send him to gaol or sentence him to be hanged.

The jury found prisoner guilty on the first count and the foreman said it was their wish that the constable and the small boy should be commended for effecting prisoner's arrest. Mr. Dyer Ball also thought that the boy should be commended and at the conclusion of the case he was brought forward and this was done. His Lordship associating himself with it.

Prisoner was sentenced to 18 months' hard labour. "I should like your Lordship to hang me," said prisoner as he was led away, "because when I am sent back to the gaol my life won't last long."

The jury were Messrs. Job Wicheell (foreman), F. J. Tavares, H. J. Hunt, D. G. Nicoll, H. A. Castro, R. Farrant and A. A. d'Almeida.

A HABITUAL OFFENDER.

A Bad Record.

Sentenced to one month's hard labour in 1913, sent to prison for six months for receiving stolen property in 1914, and banished for 5 years in 1915, Lau San appeared in the dock at the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Gompertz this morning charged with stealing four pieces of clothing and being found by night in possession of a number of house-breaking implements—an auger, a pair of pincers, a piece of wire and an electric torch.

Prisoner pleaded guilty and asked for leniency, but Mr. Dyer Ball suggested that Lau was really living a criminal life and asked for a severe penalty.

His Lordship said prisoner appeared to be a habitual offender and in view of his bad record he would sentence him to 5 years' hard labour.

AMERICAN CHARGED.

Alleged Smuggling of Liquor.

In a case brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, which the importation of various liquors without paying for duty was alleged, an American named George Washington Drollette figured as the defendant.

Revenue Officers searched several cases brought ashore at Blake Pier yesterday and discovered the following dutiable liquors: 72 bottles of Grant champagne, five bottles of liqueurs, two bottles of dry gin, one vermouth, one bottle whiskey, and one bottle peppermint.

E. J. Grist, in appearing on behalf of the defendant said: "I think it may be that after the matter has been thoroughly investigated, the case will not be tried. I would like a remand."

Mr. N. L. Smith, Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said the duty payable on those liquors amounted to \$132.58.

A remand was ordered, the defendant being allowed a continuance of his bail of \$500 which represents the maximum penalty which could be inflicted under the Ordinance.

DAY BY DAY.

An old Chinese woman, who went for a joy-ride on one of the Kowloon motor buses yesterday, had the misfortune to tumble off the vehicle whilst it was in motion and had to be taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment of the injuries she sustained.

The conduct of a seaman of the steamer Loksang came up for investigation before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. It was disclosed that he went to a watchmaker's shop and asked to be shown some watches. He examined one after another without giving the fob any indication of a desire to make a purchase, and seeing that he was in an intoxicated condition, they at length refused to have anything further to do with him. Whereat, he was stated in conclusion, the merry mariner waxed wroth, and smashed a glass show case. The seaman was subsequently taken in charge. A fine of \$5 was inflicted on defendant, who was also ordered to pay a sum of \$5 to the shop as compensation for the broken show case.

CHINESE NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent reports that it has been decided that as the force commanded by Li Fook-lum, at present stationed at Shoochow, will take part in the Northern Expedition only three battalions will be disbanded in conformity with the disarmament scheme. This will leave 15 battalions.

A Peking telegram states that the Premier's resignation has been accepted. He has gone to Tsintsin. It is said that either Chu Chi-chen or Leung Shi-ye will be ordered to organise a new cabinet.

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs has agreed to the establishment of a Chilean Consulate in Canton.

A notification from the Diplomatic Corps has been received by the Government that 4 M. C. duty surplus of three millions will be handed over before the New Year.

We learn from the *Canton Times* that more than 100 buildings were destroyed as the result of a terrible fire took place in the Canton, Kongmoon, which broke out on the 14th. The fire lasted several hours and due to the strong northern wind, the blaze was carried from house to house. This conflagration caused the town considerable losses.

BOXING.

Good Sport at Theatre Royal.

An attractive boxing programme was presented at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night and some good sport was witnessed. The building was well filled with boxing enthusiasts, amongst those at the ringside being H.E. the Governor (President of the Hongkong Boxing Association), H.E. the Admiral Sir Alexander Duff, K.C.B., H.E. Lieut.-Gen. Sir G.M. Kirkpatrick, K.C.B., K.C.S.I., and His Honour Sir Wm. Ross-Davies, K.C.

SIX ROUND WELTER-WEIGHT.

The best fight of the evening was the six round welterweight contest between A. B. Edwards, of H.M.S. Marazion (144 pounds) and O. S. Lewendon, of H.M.S. Hawkins (153 pounds). At the start Edwards sailed right in to his opponent. There was no clinching and both men hit out straight and clean. Edwards forced the pace at the start, but it was apparent that he was tiring himself rapidly, while Lewendon always came up smiling and appeared as fresh as ever. In the second round the pace began to tell and Edwards was looking by no means fresh. He went down for two in this round but came on again and meted out severe punishment to Lewendon. The fifth round saw the end. Lewendon came up fairly fresh, but Edwards was by now beginning to look groggy. Edwards went down, taking the count of five, but got up ready to go on. He was finished, however, and his seconds ended the fight by skying the towel. Mr. Logan refereed and the judges were Messrs. McCann and Forsyth.

SIX ROUND MIDDLEWEIGHT.

The six round middleweight contest between Sgt. Rogers, 2nd Wiltshire (156 pounds) and L.S. Pepper, H.M.S. Titania (159 pounds) was of very short duration. The sailor went down for two within the first few seconds. Rogers weighed up his opponent at once and Pepper appeared to lose his confidence. Rogers got one in with his left that shook the sailor considerably and Pepper commenced to hold. The referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, cautioned him twice and then disqualified him in the first round. The judges were Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton and Lieut.-Conway Hake.

SIX ROUND FEATHER-WEIGHT.

A good fight was the six round featherweight contest between O.S. Todd, H.M.S. Carlisle and O.S. Larter, H.M.S. Hawkins. Todd's weight was 129 pounds less. Larter scaled four pounds less. Major Rapson refereed and the judges were Lieut. Conway Hake and Dr. Forsyth. Todd had the advantage in height and reach, but it was evident that as far as boxing went there was not much to choose between them. The first round was spent in weighing each other up and in the second Larter attacked. In the second and third rounds Todd took much punishment, but he got in some well planted blows, which it was evident, took effect. The fourth round saw Larter still forcing the pace, but Todd gave as good as he received and in the fifth round, although Larter was the aggressor, he was getting decidedly the worst of the fight. Todd sent in one or two beautiful uppercuts, which shook Larter somewhat, and the last round saw him hitting from both men, Todd meting out most of the punishment. It was a victory for Todd on points.

TEN ROUND WELTER-WEIGHT.

St. P. O. Morgan, H.M.S. Hawkins (140 pounds), lightweight champion of the West of England, met A. B. Derbyshire, H.M.S. Titania (141 pounds), lightweight champion of the China Fleet, in a ten round welterweight contest. After a few exchanges in the first round Derbyshire went through the ropes, Morgan was doing most of the hitting, but Derbyshire ducked to most of the blows and they passed

harmlessly over his head. He also covered well and although there was some hard hitting from the stoker the blows failed to take much effect. Morgan put his thumb out in the second round. Morgan got decidedly the best of the third round and Derbyshire lost a great deal of his freshness. Derbyshire sent down in the sixth round but came on again and began to force the pace. The hard hitting began to tell on Derbyshire, and in the eighth round Morgan sent in one or two beauties to the body which began to tell. The ninth round saw a few good straight lefts from Derbyshire, but the fight was Morgan's and he came up smiling all the time. A blow to the point nearly sent Derbyshire through the ropes, but the able seaman kept his end up well and the tenth round saw some good exchanges. The decision went to Morgan. The referee was Mr. W. Logan and the judges were Mr. McCann and Lieut. Conway Hake.

At the close of the fight Morgan issued a challenge to "Sky" Kerrison for the welter-weight championship of the Colony. "Sky" Kerrison, in a short speech, remarked that he had been fighting in the Colony since 1907 and had taken on men of all weights. He had recently been home and married and had made a promise to his wife that he would give up boxing. That promise he intended to keep.

SIX ROUND BANTAMWEIGHT.

A really game fight was the six round bantamweight contest between A. B. Chadwick, H. M. S. Marazion (123 pounds), champion of the Mediterranean Fleet, and L. S. Taylor, H. M. S. Titania (120 pounds), champion of the China Fleet. Major Rapson refereed and the judges were Mr. McCann and Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton. Chadwick attacked right from the start, dealing out severe punishment. Taylor covered, but a number of Chadwick's blows found their mark and the pummeling that Taylor received would have put many a man to sleep. Taylor managed to look cool, however. He went down for five and, coming up gamely, received more punishment from Chadwick, who forced the pace all the time. Chadwick was not getting things quite all his own way, however, and the end of the second round saw him with a nasty gash over the left eye, which Taylor played on. The third round witnessed some good exchanges, Taylor sending in one or two nasty rights and some nicely judged straight lefts to the point. In the next round Chadwick sent in some terrific blows to the body, but Taylor was apparently unshaken. Taylor received a terrible pummeling, but stuck it gamely. In the fifth round Taylor went down for two. Then Chadwick got him up against the ropes and proceeded to hit him right and left. It was now apparent that Taylor was finished. The leading seaman went down for three, but struggled gamely to his feet. Chadwick had him now, however, and he gave him no chance. He went down again. Taylor managed to regain his feet, and although he gamely tried to stick it, it was more than flesh and blood could stand. Down he went again and the seconds skied the towel. A very game fight was the opinion of all, and Taylor received a tremendous ovation as he was half carried from the ringside.

TEN ROUND LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT.

Another sporty contest was a ten round light heavyweight contest between A. B. Skelton, H. M. S. Titania (164 pounds), who pluckily came forward as a substitute for P. O. Cover, who was injured during training, and L. Skelton Jones, H. M. S. Ambrose (156 pounds). Right from the start it was apparent that Jones was far and away the better man, but Skelton was a bit of a humorist and Jones did not know quite what to make of his antics. Jones went warily, obviously puzzled, and Skelton soon had the whole theatre laughing at his quaint style. The two men exchanged blows for some time, in which Skelton got the worst of the deal, but he kept his end up gamely and however hard the punch he always came on smiling.

RETURNED BANISHEES.

Five Years' for Each.

Four banished, who pleaded guilty to returning to the colony contrary to an order of deportation, were each sentenced to five years' hard labour at the Criminal Sessions, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, this morning.

One of them had been four times previously convicted and on two occasions banished for life; there were three previous convictions against another, who had been banished once for ten years and once for life; a third had been convicted for larceny and twice banished; and the other had been previously banished on four occasions.

News in To-day's New Advertisements.

The Motor Ship "Georgie" having arrived, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson give the usual notice to consignees of cargo on Page 4. There will be a Fancy Dress Ball on February 20, 1922, in aid of the Local S.P.C.A.—Page 4. Lammert's will sell off beer, champagne, brandy and figs on the 21st inst.; tools on the 22nd inst. and office furniture on the 23rd inst.—Page 4. Line Crawford's will remain open until 6 p.m. all this week—Page 4.

The Kid is due to appear for the first time at the Coronet tonight—Page 12. The O. S. K. advise consignees of cargo of the arrival of the Alabama Maru—Page 3. Warren & Co. remove on New Year's Day from their present premises to just past No. 2 Police Station (93A Wanchai Road)—Page 3.

Messrs. Butterfield and Swire advise consignees of cargo of the arrival in port of the Euryptus—Page 3. The usual Dinner Debut will not be held in the H. K. Hotel New Grill Room on December 20.—Page 4.

To-day's Exchange.

The closing rate of the 100 lbs. gold and silver was 2 7/8d. The Weather.

2 p.m. Barometer: 29.99 Temp.: 64 Humidity: 85.

ing. Jones covered too well for Skelton to do much damage and it was quite clear which way the fight would go. For the first three rounds, Jones took things easily, but in the fourth he began to weigh his man up. He commenced to hit out and although Skelton took some severe punishment for some time he was beaten. His seconds saved him from going to the boards in the fourth round. Mr. A. Murdoch refereed this bout and the judges were Lieut.-Comdr. Douglas-Hamilton and Dr. Forsyth.

SIX ROUND MIDDLEWEIGHT.

The last fight was a six round middleweight contest between Muscician Groves, H.M.S. Hawkins (157 pounds) and L. S. Hambley, H. M. S. Ambrose (155 pounds). Surgeon-Comdr. MacEwan acted as referee and the judges were Lieut. Conway Hake and Mr. McCann. There was hard hitting right from the start and in the second round Hambley went down. There were some lively exchanges and the bandsman fell through the ropes, and Hambley, assisted him to his feet. Hambley got in some heavy body blows. In the fourth round Hambley considerably. The bandsman sent in some terrific punches to the body and Hambley was clearly getting the worst of the fight. He calmly walked away from his opponent to the other side of the ring, and it was so unexpected that the bandsman, just looked on. Groves just stood waiting and after the space of half a minute or more had elapsed, they continued. Groves got in some more body punches and then the bell rang for time. In the fifth round Hambley, seeing that he was beaten, suddenly walked to his corner and the fight ended.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE NAVAL HOLIDAY.

Washington, Dec. 17.
The French delegation continued the presentation of France's position regarding naval armaments in a naval committee. M. Sarraut complained that the pledge of secrecy given on Thursday had been broken. He stated that France adhered to her claim for the same ratio as Japan.
It is estimated that the ten year capital shipbuilding programme outlined by M. Sarraut would result in the tonnage ratio of France at the end of the naval holiday being 2.75, compared with Japan's place in the 5-5-3 agreement. It is said that the French building would not begin until 1925. Ships built after the end of the holiday in 1931 could be classed as replacements.

London, Dec. 18.
Relief was noticeable in Conference circles when it was announced that the French demands had not yet been sanctioned by Paris. The French undoubtedly feel that they have been somewhat ignored in the naval discussions, which have hitherto been monopolised by Mr. Bailegar, Baron Kato and Secretary Hughes. They are also inclined to complain that other nations have not realised the need and importance of France's colonial possessions. Nevertheless the new demands have encountered hostility in British, American and Italian circles on the ground of the cost compliance would inflict upon them, because in order to maintain the proportions contained in Secretary Hughes' proposals Britain and America would each have to build ten new ships between 1931 and 1935, thus largely nullifying the programme. The matter will probably be ultimately ended by a compromise, albeit which it is suggested that the French should be allowed to build a certain number of ships in the next decade without prejudice to fixing their ratio, which could be determined at the end of the naval holiday.

Britain and the Agreement.
The London press is warmly congratulatory on the conclusion of the Anglo-American-Japanese naval agreement. A tinge of regret is observable on account of the Japanese retention of the Mutsu, this involving an expenditure by Britain for new ships which the original proposal did not provide for. Otherwise the tone of the comments is adequately reflected by the Observer, which declares that the Conference has averted the threat of a Japo-American war and placed the peace of the Pacific on a firm and permanent footing. It has not merely abolished, but has bettered the Anglo-Japanese Treaty, continuance of which would have cost us American friendship and the confidence of the Dominions, while denunciation would have been ungracious and unworthy.

Washington, Dec. 18.
High administrative officials interpreting the Treaty declare it is not to be regarded as compelling any nation to take up arms as a result of any point within its scope.

Opposition to Agreement Stiffening.
Much canvassing is at present going on for and against ratification of the Quadruple Agreement. The opposition seems to be stiffening, firstly owing to the non-completion of the Shantung negotiations; secondly, the prominence which has been given to what is regarded as an oversight in the pact that it technically commits Britain and America to a certain degree of protection of the Japanese Empire itself as well as the other Pacific islands.

New York, Dec. 18.
All the morning papers express pleasure at the consummation of the Naval Ratio Agreement.

The Sino-Japanese delegates have reached a tentative agreement for the handing over of the Shantung Railway within nine months. It was decided that payments should be made in instalments, but the period has not yet been fixed.

Strong Indictment by U. S. Senator.
Another attack on the Quadruple Pacific Agreement was made in the Senate by Senator Reed, who declared it "China's death warrant" and asserted that it was brought here by Japan and England. United States adherence made it a party to the rape of Shantung.

WALL STREET GUARDED.

New York, Dec. 18.
An extra police guard has been drafted to the Stock Exchange and other buildings in the financial district following receipt of anonymous threats to blow up the buildings as a reprisal for the arrest of Lindbergh, which it is reported has been effected in Warsaw in connection with the Wall Street explosion of September last year.

LINER COLLIDES WITH DESTROYER.

New York, Dec. 17.
The steamship Panama, with one hundred and seven people aboard, collided with a United States destroyer off Seagirt, New Jersey. Another steamer is standing by.
Both the Panama and the destroyer are damaged, but there is no danger of either sinking.

AMATEUR WIRELESS.

London, Dec. 17.
Tests arranged by wireless amateurs in America with a view to ascertaining if low-power installations could bridge the Atlantic successfully having been completed, messages have been accurately received in Ardrossan from forty-three amateur stations in the United States and Canada.

COST OF LIVING.

London, Dec. 16.
Official figures show that the cost of living on 1st December had fallen four more points since 1st November to 99 per cent above that of July, 1914. The decrease is due to reduction in bread, flour and meat prices.

CHURCH AND STATE.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Senate debated interpellations on the resumption of relations with the Vatican, M. Briand defending on the ground that resumption will be advantageous to French interests which are not served by the Church existing outside French laws. The Senate passed a vote of confidence in the Government by 174 votes to 129.

OBITUARY.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The death has taken place of Camille Saint-Saens, the illustrious musician and composer. Born in Paris in 1835, he was an LL.D. of Cambridge and a Doctor of Music of Oxford.—Vale.

HONOUR FOR A CHINESE HISTORIAN.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The noted historian and epigraphist Lo Tchen-yu, of Tientsin, China, has been elected a foreign associate of the French Academy of Inscription and Belles Lettres.—Vale.

RUSSIAN FAMINE RELIEF.

London, Dec. 17.
Sir Benjamin Robertson, the Indian famine expert, is going to Russia forthwith on behalf of British famine relief organisations to enquire into the methods of distribution of relief.

PORTUGUESE POLITICS.

Lisbon, Dec. 17.
Senhor Cunha e Silva has formed a temporary Ministry, which is expected to encounter difficulties.

THE IRISH DEBATE.

London, Dec. 17.
A feature of the concluding Irish debate in the House of Commons was a speech by Mr. Chamberlain who emphasised that Ulster remained mistress of her own fate. He deprecated the "Diehard" references to the Government "shaking hands with murder." The Empire could afford to be generous, and he urged Ireland to forget the unhappy past and look to a brighter future.
The secret session of the Dail Eirann lasted all day long. They are holding another secret session on the 17th and a public session on the 19th.

Fighting in Belfast.
Faction fighting broke out in Belfast last night and continued to-day, when one was killed and seven wounded.

DEFAULTING GERMANY.

Paris, Dec. 17.
The Reparations Commission has addressed a note to Germany, recording surprise that the German note, dated on 15th December, does not indicate either the currencies that Germany is prepared to surrender for her January and February payments or the periods of grace desired. The note declares that unless the Commission receives these particulars it will be impossible to consider or examine Germany's request. The note points out the absence of allusion in the German note to any measures being taken with a view to reforming Germany's finances.

In view of Germany's defaulting the Commission of Reparations, according to the papers, has decided to maintain its demand for the payments due in January and February and to refuse to consider delay for payments thereafter before Germany first gives positive and specific guarantees.—Vale.

CANADIAN BANKING.

Montreal, Dec. 17.
The Dominion Minister of Finance has given his preliminary consent to the proposed amalgamation of the Bank of Montreal and the Merchants Bank of Canada. The offer of amalgamation was made by the Bank of Montreal after investigation had shown that the reserves of the Merchants Bank were seriously impaired. It is understood that the position is due to uncovered loans to western farmers.

ACTIVE SERVICE MEN.

Decision to Form

Hongkong Association.

At a meeting held at the Coronet Theatre yesterday morning, attended by between 30 and 40 active service men, it was unanimously decided to form an Active Service Men's Association.

The object of the meeting was explained by Mr. E. H. Wilson in a short speech. He said they had no antagonistic feeling towards the British Legion and did not wish to encroach upon that organisation; but they desired to have the opportunity of meeting together in a spirit of comradeship reminiscent of the times spent in France and other theatres of war. By joining the Legion that spirit of comradeship was to a certain extent dissipated by the inclusion of those who were not there; and it had been his experience that the presence of those who did not understand acted as a kind of wet blanket on their gatherings.

Naturally these were not interested in many of the affairs or events in which they had taken no part; and therefore as an organisation for revival of old associations he claimed the Legion was a failure, at any rate so far as active service men were concerned. The membership of the Legion was open to all ex-servicemen who had served at least seven days with the colours. That embraced all branches of the service, including volunteers and other auxiliary forces, except conscientious objectors. "How they managed to leave them out is a mystery to me," exclaimed Mr. Wilson amid considerable laughter.

Mr. Wilson pointed out that the constitution of the Legion was unalterable according to its own rules. He understood the Legion was meeting shortly to accept that constitution. To his mind that precluded definitely any idea they might have entertained of making the Legion exclusive for active service men.

A Military Spirit.

The Legion was formed from a number of war comrades associations which sprung up during and after the war and which were ultimately amalgamated into one organisation—the British Legion. With all due respect to the promoters of the Legion, he could not help feeling that it was formed with the object of creating a military spirit.

Like most of those present he joined up solely for the purpose of helping the country and like thousands of others he was glad to see the back of militarism. He felt sure that they would be the subject of much adverse criticism from those who had the Legion at heart; but, as he had already said, they did not want to interfere with them in any way. Mr. Wilson mentioned that on Armistice night 30 or 40 active service men, who did not belong to the Legion, held a dinner at the Hongkong Hotel, to celebrate the occasion. On the front page of the menu was a rather good silhouette picture of a fatigue party carrying duckboards and rafts up to the front line. If their critics had had experiences of that kind he ventured to say that they would have been just as eager as his hearers were to want what they wanted and to do what they were doing. They had been told, Mr. Wilson concluded,

that they were snobs for wanting an association of their own. If they called on Irishmen a snob for belonging to the Hibernian Society, what would happen? He would promptly knock the individual on top of the head with a black-thorn. In the Australian "Diggers" Association they were very particular as to membership.

Mr. J. E. Ollerton, who has performed the secretarial duties, made a few remarks urging that what they wanted to form was a real association which would help to preserve the spirit of comradeship among those who served overseas. He hoped they would form an association and make it a live organisation.

A "Boycott"

Mr. F. P. Franklyn having been elected to the chair, and Mr. Ollerton having been appointed Secretary, it was unanimously decided to form an active service men's association in Hongkong.

The question as to whether the names of those taking part in the discussion should be mentioned in view of the presence of Press representatives was raised, and it was pointed out that the two reporters present were both active service men and could be relied upon to use their discretion in what they reported.

One speaker, referring to a leaderette published in the Telegraph, hoped that if the representative of that paper was present he would be asked to leave. "I think we ought all to boycott the Telegraph," the speaker said.

It was mentioned that there was no Telegraph man present "for very obvious reasons."

A long discussion followed on the question of eligibility of membership and it was suggested that it should be limited to men who saw active service in the Great War.

One member pointed out that there were many men in the Colony 40 or 50 years of age who served their King and country in the South African war and other campaigns. Were they to be excluded?

It was pointed out that these men already had their own associations.

Another facetiously remarked that if they included all active service men they would be having amongst them Crimean and Indian Mutiny veterans.

The Veterans.

A previous speaker mentioned that he had done 25 years service. He believed he would get a medal for the last war, but it was not his fault he did not go overseas. He was one of the unfortunate ones and was compelled to remain at home. There were many in the same position.

"The British Legion covers them," was the remark of a member, to be met with the immediate retort, "They do not want to belong to the British Legion."

Those men who had seen service in the trenches, was another suggestion for eligibility of membership. "We do not want those who only marched to Stonecutters Island and West Point," the speaker observed.

A resolution concerning membership to men who served on fighting fronts during the Great War was proposed.

A suggestion that active service men in South African and other

EARLIER SPECIAL
TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

POLITICS IN PEKING.

Eugene Chen, interviewed today, says that Sun Yat-sen is ready to co-operate with any responsible party in repudiating President Hu Shih-chang and his administration.

A Change of Premiership Predicted.

The China Press has a telegram from Peking stating the Liang Shih-yi is the probable Premier, with Dr. W. W. Yen as dark horse. Liang Shih-yi, a Cantonese, was formerly Minister of Finance. He is reputed to be enormously wealthy and is known in China as "the God of Wealth." Dr. Yen is Minister for Foreign Affairs.

PEACE IN IRELAND.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
The Public Ledger Service wires from Dublin and prophesies the Irish people repudiating De Valera and assuring peace.

THE LATE MR. EZRA.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
Thousands of dollars have been subscribed by the Jewish Communal Association in memory of Mr. Edward Ezra, in lieu of flowers.

EAST CHINA FOOTBALL.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.
Shanghai Baptist College has defeated Soochow by two to nil, virtually assuring them of the East China football title.

MANY CHANGES HAVE
BEEN MADE

in the manufacture of glass; one of the most important is that invented by Sir William Crookes, who, as the result of numerous experiments, combining glass with various metals, has succeeded in producing a material which cuts off 99 per cent of the infra-red or heat rays together with the ultra-violet or chemical rays, called Sir William Crookes Glass. Crookes lenses of any prescription in either regular or Toric form are manufactured by the Hongkong Optical Co., Successors to Clark & Co., Manufacturing & Refracting Opticians—the most competent manufacturing optical establishment in the Colony—located in 53, Queen's Road Central.

were might be admitted as associate members, found a few supporters; but one of the veterans present made it clear that they would not come in under anything less than full membership. "We went through quite as great hardships as the men in the last war," he said. "Hundreds of people in France saw less active service than many women and children saw in England during the horrible raids over London."

After a good deal of further discussion a resolution was adopted to the effect that all active service men in the Great War or men who had seen active service in other wars, provided they were rejected or otherwise incapacitated from service overseas in the last war, should be eligible for membership.

One member uttered a warning that the meeting should be careful about departing from the principle of active service in France and other theatres.

"Active Service."

"Will you please give me a definition of active service?" asked a questioner.

The Chairman replied that it included all men who saw service in a theatre of war on a fighting front.

Another question was whether men who served in the 1916 rebellion in Ireland were eligible. The reply was in the negative.

A provisional Committee of seven, including Mr. A. V. Farmer, as representing Canton, was appointed to draw up rules and submit them to a further meeting.

Mr. James was elected Hon. Treasurer provisionally.

It was decided that the membership fee should be \$5 entrance and \$5 annually; and life membership \$50.

During the course of subsequent proceedings, a resolution was passed that "absolute proof" of eligibility for membership must be produced within a reasonable time.

One gentleman said that he had lost all his papers, which led another to remark, amid a good deal of laughter, that he should be required to "take the oath before two J.P.s."

It was pointed out that members would be given time in which to furnish the necessary proof.

An appeal to all present to influence others to join concluded the meeting.

The next meeting will be held in the Coronet Theatre, on Sunday, January 8th. Practically all present signified their intention of becoming members.

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LEAGUE CRICKET.

Kowloon v. Indians.
Playing at Seakwunpoo valley on Saturday, Kowloon drew with the Indians, the latter putting up a big score. Details follow:

Indians.				
A. H. Rumjahn, c Robinson,	29			
b Stalker,	1			
S. A. R. Ismail, b Stalker,	30			
S. H. Ismail, b Spinks,	15			
S. D. Ismail, b.w., Spinks,	7			
M. H. Abbas, b Stalker,	7			
D. Rumjahn, c Stapleton, b	2			
Stalker,	5			
A. el. Arculli, b Spinks,	7			
S. A. Ismail, c and b Spinks,	23			
J. S. Cureem, not out,	17			
O. Ismail, c and b Spinks,	3			
F. M. Arculli, c and b Stalker,	5			
Extras,	5			

Total.....157

Bowling analysis.				
Stalker	15.4	8	40	5
Macdonald	5	1	18	—
Evans	9	2	30	—
James	6	1	18	—
Spinks	11	—	46	3

Kowloon.				
Lt. A. E. Macdonald, b Abbas,	4			
J. Stalker, b.w. Arculli,	4			
B. D. Evans, c O. Ismail, b	17			
Arculli,	11			
K. R. Macaskill, b Abbas,	11			
E. L. Braga, c M. H. Abbas, b	9			
Arculli,	9			
Capt. Spinks, c D. Rumjahn, b	23			
Cureem,	20			
C. I. Stapleton, not out,	20			
F. G. Thompson, c and b	—			
Cureem,	—			
C. Dance, not out,	—			
Extras,	—			

Total seven wickets.				
C. P. James and J. P. Robinson	—			
did not bat.	—			
Bowling analysis.				
A. el. Arculli	12	1	36	2
M. H. Abbas	10	—	30	—
J. S. Cureem	—	—	—	—
S. H. Ismail	—	—	—	—
F. M. Arculli	—	—	—	—

Kowloon 2nd XI v. Indians 2nd XI.
Playing in the League Second Division, at Kowloon, the home team beat Indians in a low scoring match. Scores:

Indians 2nd XI.				
A. H. Madar, b Spinks,	0			
S. Abbas, b Spinks,	14			
O. Rumjahn, c Blackburn, b	1			
Overy,	19			
E. Moosden, c and b Spinks,	1			
R. Nazaria, b Spinks,	6			
N. E. Kitchell, b Spinks,	0			
V. A. Wahab, b Overy,	2			
A. H. Moosden, b Overy,	11			
A. K. Minu, b Spinks,	1			
M. Sadick, b Spinks,	1			
H. D. Rumjahn, not out,	4			
Extras,	4			

Total.....53				
Bowling analysis.				
Brown	4	1	12	7
Spinks	16	3	20	—
Overy	5	1	17	3
Hodge	1	—	5	—

Kowloon 2nd XI.				
L. J. Blackburn, c H. Rum-	11			
jahn, b Abbas,	11			
L. E. S. Hodge, c Rumjahn, b	11			
Abbas,	11			
F. E. Lawrence, c O. Rumjahn,	32			
b Nazaria,	32			
A. O. Brown, c Moosden, b	5			
Madar,	5			
E. W. Alderson, b Madar,	0			
E. J. Edwards, b Madar,	2			
H. Overy, c Sadick, b Madar,	15			
F. Evelyn, c and b Nazaria,	5			
E. F. Spinks, c H. Rumjahn, b	9			
Nazaria,	9			
A. Leach, c and b Nazaria,	0			
L. Jack, not out,	0			
Extras,	3			

Total.....106				
Bowling analysis.				
Kitchell	5	—	21	—
S. Abbas	5	—	31	2
Madar	5	—	29	4
Nazaria	3.1	—	16	4

R.A.M.C. v. Police.
At Happy Valley R.A.M.C. beat the Police in this Second Division match. Police were unlucky in losing Alexander cheaply, but Grimmett made amends. He scored 16 in one over. Major Tomlinson was mainly responsible for R.A.M.C. winning. He scored 20 off six consecutive balls. The scores follow:

Police.				
King, b Hollands,	14			
Alexander, c Capt. Tomory, b	0			
Hollands,	31			
Grimmett, b Hollands,	20			
C. Parashaw, run out,	20			
Booker, b.w. Savage,	1			
R. Earnshaw, not out,	29			
Baker, c West, b Savage,	1			
Kelly, c Capt. Tomory, b Sav-	5			
age,	5			
Chester Woods, run out,	0			
Carpenter, c Stone, b Hollands,	3			
Condon, b Hollands,	1			
Extras,	5			

Total.....110

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Bowling analysis.

Hollands				
11.4	2	36	5	
Rhodes				
6	—	47	—	
Savage				
6	1	21	8	

R.A.M.C.				
Sgt. Hollands, c Condon, b	6			
Grimmett,	14			
Cpl. Rhodes, b Alexander,	0			
Capt. Tomory, b Alexander,	1			
Major Tomlinson, c King, b	42			
Earnshaw R.,	2			
S. M. Thompson, b Alexander,	2			
Cpl. Savage, c Grimmett, b	0			
King,	47			
Cpl. Stone, not out,	0			
Pte. West, c Earnshaw R., b	3			
Earnshaw C.,	0			
Sgt. Pitt, b Earnshaw C.,	0			
Sgt. Rogers, c King, b Earn-	10			
shaw R.,	2			
Sgt. Wilkinson, b Alexander,	10			
Extras,	2			

Total.....131				
Bowling analysis.				
Grimmett	5	—	32	1
Alexander	9	—	45	4
King	4	1	16	1
Earnshaw C.	4	1	16	2
Earnshaw R.	4	—	30	1

Civil Service v. University.
In an exciting match on Civil Service ground, Mr. Severn playing against his old side, Civil Service went down to University by a wicket and four runs. It was a bowlers' match. Civil Service batted first, A. E. Wood, playing for the first time after year's leave, topping the score with 32, including five boundaries. University had trouble getting the runs and still needed a few when the last man went in. They managed it, the end coming very soon afterwards. Scores:

C. S. C.				
G. R. Sayer, c and b Yeob,	17			
F. J. de Roma, b Rumjahn,	9			
A. E. Wood, b Yeob,	32			
R. C. Wittchell, b Yeob,	20			
E. C. Fincher, c and b Yeob,	1			
E. Dunkley, run out,	5			
E. W. Hamilton, c Osmao, b	6			
Rumjahn,	6			
H. E. Strange, c Osmao, b	7			
Rumjahn,	7			
J. C. Fletcher, c Rumjahn, b	2			
Yeob,	2			
F. Ling, b Rumjahn,	0			
E. B. Reid, not out,	5			
Extras,	5			

Total.....105				
Bowling analysis.				
Vickers	8	—	20	—
T. E. Yeob	14	4	38	5
A. A. Rumjahn	11.5	1	42	4

University.				
A. A. Rumjahn, c Ling, b Reid	26			
T. E. Yeob, c Ling, b Reid	1			
F. A. Redmond, b Reid	19			
M. H. Roffey, b Sayer,	13			
M. B. Osmao, c and b Hamilton	30			
Prof. Vickers, c Ling, b Hamil-	4			
ton,	4			
T. O. Yeob, run out,	1			
M. K. Yue, c Hamilton, b Sayer	2			
J. Young Sayer, run out,	1			
R. W. Barney, c Hamilton,	1			
Dr. Claud Severn, not out,	0			
Extras,	12			

Total.....109				
Bowling analysis.				
E. W. Reid	11	2	30	3
E. W. Hamilton	11	1	34	3
Sayer	7.2	1	27	1

C. R. C. v. Craigengower.
This match was postponed owing to the death of Sp. Boshan Wei Yuk.

Total.....110				
Bowling analysis.				
E. W. Reid	11	2	30	3
E. W. Hamilton	11	1	34	3
Sayer	7.2	1	27	1

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FRIENDLY MATCH.

H. K. C. C. v. Navy.

H. K. C. C. played the Navy on the home ground on Saturday, a draw resulting. Jutham and Wood were the first Navy pair, Wood going with 40 up. Stewart followed and with Jutham gave the fielders a busy time. When they were separated, 107 showed. Toward the end of their innings both lashed out. Stewart hitting two sixes and Jutham one. Farthing, Hancock and Edwards were the suffering bowlers. Jutham hit fifteen fours in his century, and Stewart five. Pearce made a characteristic stand for the Club, his 77, including eleven fives, saving them from disaster. They managed to draw with the last man batting. Beatty bowled very well, getting seven wickets for 35. At the end of his 16th over he had six for 27, the three last overs having been maidens containing four wickets. Scores:

Navy.				
Lt. Com. Jutham, b Hancock,	104			
Com. Wood, b Reid,	12			
Lt. Stewart, b E. G. Lammett,	64			
Rev. Crole Rees, b.w. Feth-	1			
ing,	1			
Sub. Lt. Stevenson, c Edwards,	15			
b Lammett,	15			
Surg. Com. Stephens, not out,	5			
Lt. Com. Greig, b L. E. Lam-	19			
mett,	19			
Lt. I. B. Frank, c Hancock,	1			
b E. G. Lammett,	1			
Mid. Hayter, not out,	1			
Extras,	18			

Total (seven wks. dec.).....240				
Bowling analysis.				
Farthing	15	2	42	1
E. G. Lammett	10	—	41	3
Reid	13	2	50	1
L. E. Lammett	6	—	26	1
Hancock	5	—	30	1
Edwards	2	—	31	—

b. Lt. Stevenson, c Edw	0
Lammert.....	0
rg. Com. Stephens, not	0
Com. Greig, b L. E. L	0
ert.....	0
I. B. Frank*, c Hand	0
E. G. Lammert.....	0
d. Hayter, not out.....	0

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Monday, 2nd January, 1922
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SENSATIONAL PIRACY.

Kwang Lee Held Up and Ransacked.

CAPTAIN CRAWFORD'S DRAMATIC STORY.

On Saturday we published a statement to the effect that the Kwang Lee, belonging to the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company, had been pirated and one passenger killed. No details were then available because the vessel, coming from Shanghai, had gone into quarantine. On her release from quarantine later in the day, however, a thrilling piracy story was revealed by Captain Lindsay Crawford.

The affair seems to have been carried out with complete success, from the pirates' point of view. The haul in treasure, money and valuables is estimated at \$120,000 and as the pirates were between 20 and 30 in number they did fairly well. It was no scratch side that held up the Kwang Lee, but a well trained team. The pirates boarded as passengers and, at a time arranged, seized the vessel before either crew or passengers quite realised what had happened. In only one particular, it would seem, were they planners not too well laid; they were apparently uncertain as to how they were to get away from the steamer. Luck, as will be seen, was with them.

Escape by Junk.

For 32 hours the pirates had charged the ship, dodging steamers and planning their escape. Fishing junks offered them a way eventually, and under their orders the Kwang Lee pursued several. Finally one was selected and in Tai Sem Bay the plunder was transferred to her. The pirates had brought some bales of silk to the deck, but owing to the limited accommodation on the junk the silk was abandoned. The gang said good-bye to the Captain quite affably: one shook hands with him. Then they boarded the junk and left the steamer to resume her voyage to Hongkong, the exciting affair delaying her some hours.

The Kwang Lee is a ship of 1,500 tons, owned by a well-known northern concern, the C. M. S. N. Co. Her master is Captain Lindsay Crawford, First Officer Mr. Jensen, Second Officer Mr. Gorvencov, Chief Engineer Mr. George Alexander and Second Engineer Mr. Robinson.

The booty secured by the pirates is estimated at from \$120,000 to \$200,000, including treasure taken from the strong room. A small Chinese bank in Hongkong is a heavy sufferer. Chinese reports state that the gang were disappointed, that they were after a treasure shipment of \$1,700,000, which was carried by a different steamer. Another version is that they knew they had missed the bigger haul, and compensated themselves with the Kwang Lee.

A Young Man Shot.

The only casualty was the killing of a young Chinese who refused to hand over a bag of gold. To show they meant business the pirates shot him, and with his father a horrified spectator, they threw the body overboard. Afterwards they expressed contrition and tried to solace the old man by giving him back some of the money.

Reliable information places the estimate of the numbers of the gang at between 20 and 30. Boarding the ship at Shanghai they had no difficulty in masquerading as passengers. They waited two days before taking up their stations in different parts of the ship. When the signal was given they broke loose, held up the Captain, officers and crew, as well as the passengers, firing their revolvers at random to make a stronger impression. The skipper (Captain Lindsay Crawford) and the officers were surprised and could do nothing except to perform what the raiders ordered at the point of revolvers.

The Captain's Story.

The ship left Shanghai at 9 a.m. on 13th (Tuesday) last, the Captain told our reporter, with a full complement of passengers and some cargo. The trouble started at 12.15 p.m. on Thursday, 15th.

"I was sitting in my cabin," said Captain Crawford, "having just left the bridge, where I had taken the ship's position at noon. I had my back to the door. I hadn't been there two minutes when my attention was arrested by a shrill whistle, followed by a tumult and firing of shots, and before I could rise from my chair two of the pirates rushed in with revolvers in their hands and seized my chair. I fell on my back, and as I was falling a shot rang out, the bullet

passing my abdomen by a hair's breadth. When I got on my feet I was held on either side by my visitors, who pressed their revolvers against my sides and led me to the main fore deck. There I saw pirates guarding the main entrance down to the 'tween deck, and terrified Chinese running in all directions, pursued by armed men who fired at random to intimidate them. They hustled me into the engineers' mess room, in which the Second Engineer, Mr. Robinson, had already been confined. A few minutes afterwards the Chief Engineer, Mr. George Alexander, was dung in, followed by the First and Second Officers, Messrs Jensen and Gorvencov, and some of the saloon passengers with their wives. The pirates closed the door and windows of the mess room and there we sat in darkness, listening to the shouts, firing and the general pandemonium that was taking place on the 'tween deck."

Taking No Risks.

"After a short time the pirate who was guarding us opened the door to assure himself of our presence and brandished a revolver in our faces. He was very suspicious that I had hidden weapons and insisted on the production of some. He would not take no for an answer. I offered myself to be searched, but he did not take advantage of the offer. I don't know what would have happened to me had not this capricious individual been recalled by his chief to do some probably more important business. What it was God knows. We sat in the room until 1.15 p.m., when the door was violently thrown open and a demand for the Captain was made. When I presented myself the pirates asked dubiously 'You him?' 'You him?' Held on either side and with revolvers pressed against my ribs, I was hustled up to the bridge, where I was greeted by seven of the gang who had congregated there, waiting for my arrival. They asked me the position of the ship, which I told them. I was then ordered to steer to Sanchi, above Foochow, and was branded as a liar when I told the pirates, in reply to their question, that the ship was 180 or 190 miles away from the place to which they desired me to take them. They said 'You lie. You want to die?' I instructed the quartermaster to explain to them what I had said."

The Pirates Anxious.

"The pirates suddenly appeared to be panic-stricken," continued Captain Crawford, "and after an excited conversation amongst them I was ordered to steer for Hongkong. They asked when we could arrive at Hongkong at the speed we were going. I supplied the information and one of them, seemingly the only one of the whole lot of a truculent disposition, levelled his revolver point blank at my face and asked me 'You want to die?' He said 'Go straight. Do proper. You make die.' I laughed at him and said, 'I don't want to die. I will go straight, as if I were on an ordinary voyage.' When we were between Lamock and the Brothers, the pirates, after a consultation, seemed to plan again and told me they did not want to go. I was to pass Swatow, but not to go near it. When I altered the course for Breakers Point, however, they seemed to be suspicious that I was trying to bring the ship to the neighbourhood of Swatow and I had exceeding difficulty in allaying their suspicions. However, they finally accepted my words. I was feeling very tired, having been on the bridge continuously, and I asked the pirate chief if the Chief Officer could be called to relieve me. He consented, provided I only rested for an hour. I went down below to my cabin with an armed escort, but to sleep was impossible on account of the noises of the pirates in the chart room next door and the smoking of opium; and I was glad to go up to the bridge again.

Dodging Steamers and Chasing Junks.

"At 11 p.m. the pirates in the engine room reduced the speed to dead slow and we continued at that speed until 3 p.m. on Friday, the 16th. The pirates were very much alarmed at the sight of passing steamers and anxiously enquired the destination and the type of each vessel which we passed. They instructed me to steer off out of their way, increasing the speed when we were passing them and decreasing it after they had passed.

"At 3 p.m. I was ordered to lay the Kwang Lee alongside two fishing junks which had their trawling nets out and which were ordered to make fast alongside. The weather had been ideal since we left Shanghai, but now it was very threatening and a low-lying mist, with a drizzle, obscured the view beyond about a mile. Owing to the very heavy sea, rapidly rising, the junks nearly battered themselves to pieces in complying with the order, given with revolvers

pointed, frantic excitement going on on board them meanwhile."

That the pirates were handy men capable of handling the ship themselves was the suggestion the Captain's next words gave us. Apparently the heavy seas scared them, for they went away from the two junks. The pirate chief came on to the bridge, went to the telegraph and rang 'Full speed ahead,' despite the fact that the junks were then alongside. More probably, he did not know quite what would happen when he signalled. "As it was not my business," added Captain Crawford quizzically, "I didn't interfere. Turning round to me the pirate chief pointed at the two junks, now rapidly sailing away in the mist towards Cheung Point, and asked me to overtake them. Our steam pressure being very low the task was not an easy proposition, as the junks were sailing nearly at the same speed as we were. However, within a mile of Cheung Point, we managed to overtake them; but after a short talk the pirate chief abandoned the two junks and ordered me to go towards a single junk that was approaching us with a fair wind. I got alongside of it; we went fast astern and then went slow ahead, with the junk in tow. We were then amongst the reefs. I had great difficulty in convincing the pirates that in a very short time we would meet with disaster."

A Cordial Leave Taking.

"After a good deal of trouble," continued Captain Crawford, "we finally succeeded in hauling the ship out southward of Reel Island and headed towards Tai Sem Bay, where we arrived at 7.30 p.m. We stopped there and the pirates commenced to load the junk with plunder. At 8 p.m. I was ordered to drop anchor. The man who had superintended the search of the passengers' luggage, etc., came on the bridge, with the second engineer who had been working in the engine room. He cordially wished us good-bye, shook hands with us and departed. He gave me strict injunctions that I was not to weigh anchor until 6 a.m. next morning (Saturday), and prior to leaving the ship six of the pirates went down to the engine room and dismantled the engines. As soon as I saw them leave I went down to the 'tween deck and liberated the rest of the officers, engineers, crew and the passengers, who had been prisoners for 11 days. I asked the chief engineer about the damage and told me he could repair them and be ready for the ship's departure in two or three hours' time. At 10 p.m. the chief engineer reported 'All ready' and we weighed anchor and proceeded to Hongkong, going slowly in order to enable the unfortunate Chinese passengers to identify what remained of their property, which was strewn on the deck in confusion."

Some of the Booty.

We arrived in Hongkong at 9.30 a.m. after a memorable and extremely startling experience, in which I escaped death only as the will of Providence."

Captain Crawford concluded his narrative by saying he had no rest for several days, which was indicated in his languid appearance.

The Captain's Story.

The Captain said that the comrades and all the Chinese were badly terrified. They told him that a young passenger who was travelling with his father was shot for concealing a bag of gold and that the pirates had taken with them \$120,000, which represented five cases of treasure, money and valuables belonging to the passengers, officers and crew of the ship. The officers and engineers were also robbed of practically all their clothing and money. "I got a lot of my property returned to me, but still I am a great loser in money and clothes," said the Captain.

When asked if the Kwang Lee carried armed guards, Captain Crawford said, "No. There are also no grills on the ship, with the result that it is the easiest thing in the world to commit a piracy: in fact I am surprised that it has not been done before, in view of the frequency with which these ships carry treasure."

A passenger tells us that the pirate chief soundly berated the man who fired the fatal shot. He describes the pirate chief as a young man, under 30 years of age. We omitted to ask him how the ship's company were fared while the pirates were in charge; but presumably the gang themselves did not starve.

All the passengers having been robbed of their money and jewelry, some of them who desired to return to Canton or Macao were at their wits' end to obtain the necessary funds. The commodore, despite his heavy loss in the piracy, generously gave each passenger a few dollars on Saturday. The pas-

sengers did not disembark until late in the afternoon.
The Kwang Lee leaves this evening for Shanghai.

ANOTHER PIRATICAL RAID.

Fine Work by Chinese Gunboat. News reaches us of another piracy, this time on the West River, in which case, however, the pirates came off second best. The affair happened on 15th December and, according to our information, developed into a sanguinary battle in the course of which about a dozen small craft were sunk and many of their occupants killed or drowned. Five pirates were captured and, if they have not already done so, will soon provide targets for a shooting-party.

The affair took place between Staunton Island and Saimah-ning, near to the place where the a.s. Shui On was pirated a number of years ago, when Chief Officer Nicholson lost his life. A number of Wuhoh rice boats were sailing in company when they were held up, under threat, by ten or a dozen sampans which crossed their bows from the river bank. The intruders caught a crowd of sailors. The rice boat crews refused to be bullied and when the pirates opened fire they replied with vigour. The rice boats were better armed than the attackers had bargained for and the "scrap" soon became a very brisk one indeed. News of the affair soon reached the gunboat Kong Hon. She was lying under the shadow of one of the hills not far distant and, her commander being only too pleased to take a hand in an argument of the kind, the Kong Hon very quickly arrived on the scene. The rest of the story is simply told. The Kong Hon sank one pirate craft after another until all were gone. Five men who were swimming about, the sole survivors, were rescued from the water, put in irons, and taken to Canton for trial. The rice boats then proceeded on their way little the worse for their encounter.

It was reported the other day that the Chinese authorities had placed an additional six gunboats on river patrol work on account of the prevalence of piracy. If the Kong Hon is one of them she is to be complimented on the excellent start she has made. Our informant, who knows the river well, states that pirate gangs are as rife just now as ever they have been on the river and even steamers have to keep the sharpest lookout.

We wonder, in this connection, if the requirements of the Piracy Ordinance of Hongkong are as thoroughly observed as they should be.

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EX-BANDIT DOWN ON BANDITS. The Singapore Free Press says that General Chang Tso-lin has given the Commissioner for the Suppression of Bandits one month in which to clear the Three Eastern Provinces of robbers. "We don't want to have foreigners talking about bandits in China," says he.

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having arrived from the above ports, consignees of cargo by her are notified that all goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co. Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 22nd Dec. 1921 will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st Dec. 1921, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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Agents.
Hongkong, 15th Nov., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

The Steamship

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having arrived from Seattle via ports, on 17th December consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of The Hon Shan Godown Co., Nos. 1 and 2, Dundas St. Yaumatei and stored at consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 23rd Dec. by the Co's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claim will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 24th Dec. will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignatures immediately.

PACIFIC S.S. CO.,
United States Shipping Board,
Emergency Fleet Corporation,
Managing Agents,
THE ADMIRAL LINE,
5th Floor, Union Building,
Hongkong, 17th December, 1921.

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Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 24th December, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 7th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1921.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

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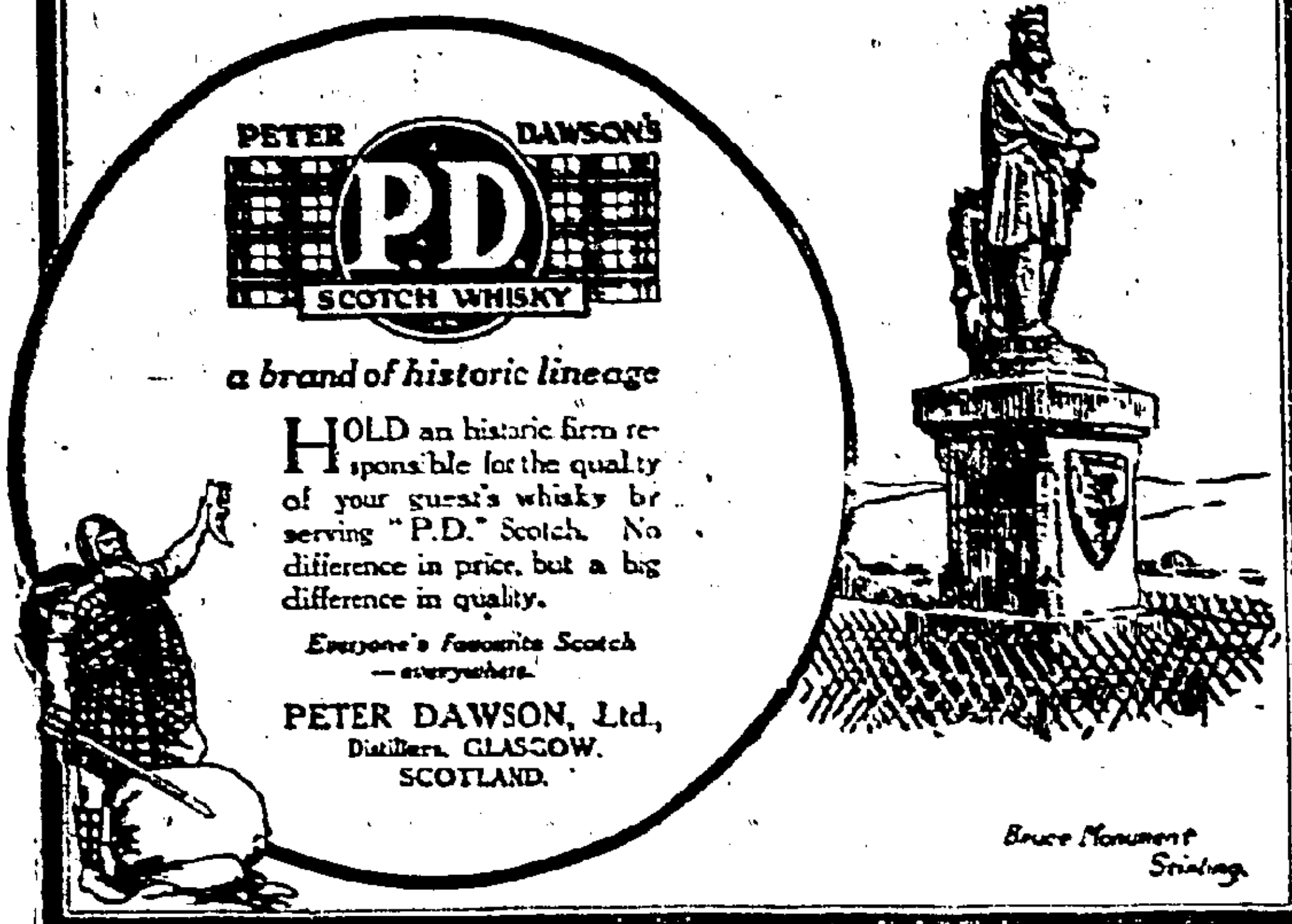
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Y.M.C.A. SPORTS.

Fourteenth Annual Meeting.

The Hongkong Chinese Y.M.C.A. held their annual athletic sports on Saturday, this being the fourteenth meeting. The Racecourse was the rendezvous, and, from the fact that the sports are yearly expected to yield new talent to represent China in the Far Eastern Olympiads, considerable interest attached to them, attracting a big crowd both of spectators and participants. None of the Olympiad records were touched, but there were some commendable efforts in different branches and the contests were keen enough to satisfy everyone. They made an enjoyable afternoon.

Of the eighteen events, the sprints did not produce better time than five years (10½ secs.) for the hundred yards, against the Olympiad record of 10 secs. The 220 were run in 21½ secs., the Far Eastern Olympiad figure being 22.45. The long jumpers could get no nearer the 21 ft. 10 in. set them than 15 ft. 3 in., while the high jumpers at 5 ft. were still nine inches below the mark they were wished to better. This event, however, was eagerly watched because of the evenly matched contestants. Of half a dozen four were left in at 4 ft. 10 in. and another inch saw two eliminated. The finalists were Li In-chak and Mok Tai-chek. The former, possessor of a nice style, cleared 5 ft., but his opponent failed and took second place. Cheung Chun-sing and Ng Hausing jumped for third place. Both cleared 4 ft. 11 in. at the third try: the bar was elevated to 5 ft., and both failed. Dropped again to 4 ft. 11 in., Cheung Sung-sing negotiated it first try, the other man failing to get over.

An Open Mile.

There was a mile race open to the Colony, for which six competitors started, three of them Europeans, two Chinese and one Indian. The last-named, B. A. Hyder, won comfortably by nearly a hundred yards in 5 mins. 2 secs. A well-known runner, Old, was second, and H. A. Wolf, of H.M.S. Alacrity, third, Old surviving a challenge from him at the finish, to beat him by a few yards. Williams of the Alacrity was fourth. One of the Chinese also finished.

The Y.M.C.A. championship points competition yielded a tie, Li In-chak and Ho Kwok-lum (better known as G. A. Hyder) winning 10 points each. They ran off, over 100 yards, Hyder winning. He spoilt a good performance by jeering at his opponent as he reached the tape, a very unsportsmanlike action.

The officials did their work very well and are to be congratulated. There was an army of them, including the following:

President, Dr. T. P. Woo; Vice President, Mr. Ma Wing-chun; Chairman, Mr. Lau Fook-ki; Starter, Mr. Ip Kwan; Time-keepers, Messrs. J. L. McPherson, Kwok Po-kan, H. Gittins; Judges at finish, Messrs. Ho Wai-hing, Tsui Hak-on, Wong Hiu-wan, Kwong Ming, Dr. Au Sze-cham, Lau Man-wai; Referee, Mr. A. E. Dome; Field Judges, Messrs. K. D. Yang, Kwok Po-kan, Leung Sui-sang; Scorers, Mr. Ng Chi-him; Announcers, Messrs. Tsui Hong-sing, Shui L. Hoh; Clerks of Course, Messrs. K. H. Fung, Liu Ukin, Ho Chung-t; Handicap Committee, Messrs. Ip Kwan, Kwok Po-kan, Lau Fook-ki, Kwong Ming; Prize Committee, Messrs. Wong Kam-yang, Lai Man-wai, Lau Fook-ki, Ip Kwan, Leung Sui-sang, Kwong Ming, Wong Hiu-wan, Kwok Po-kan, W. Bakar, Chan Chun-sang, Kwok Po-kan; Entertainment Committee, Messrs. Wong Se-ke, Dick Wong, Mr. Tam Tak-tok, Fok Ling-kin, Chan Wan-fat, Cheung Lo-kan.

Members of the Y.M.C.A. Ambulance Brigade were present in force, as were the Boy Scouts, doing duty in keeping the course clear. Unhappily they had other work to do later. In the hurdle race a runner tripped and fell, breaking his arm. The Ambulance men rendered first aid, while the Scouts (from the Wesleyan, Saiyungpan and Ellis Kadoorie Troops) formed a ring to exclude the crowd. Dr. Woo attended the sufferer, whom the Ambulance carried away on a board in approved style.

Mr. Ho Kin-fan expressed thanks to those who had assisted the meeting, after which Mr. Lau Fook-ki invited Miss Woo (daughter of Dr. T. P. Woo) to hand the prizes to their winners. The gathering dispersed with the customary hearty cheers.

The Results.

100 Yards (Championship).—1,

Chan Chun-sang; 2, G. Chubb; 3, Mok Tai-chek. Time, 10½ secs.
200 Yards (Championship).—1, Ho Kwok-lum; 2, Mok Tai-chek; 3, Ko Yan-chung. Time 24½ secs.
Long Jump (Championship).—1, Li In-chak (18ft 3 ins.); 2, Ng Hausing (17ft 5½ ins.); 3, A. Hoahm (17 ft. 3 ins.).
High Jump (Championship).—1, Li In-chak (5ft); 2, Mok Tai-chek (4ft 11 ins.); 3, Cheung Sung-sing (4ft 11 ins.).
Half mile (Championship).—1, Ho Kwok-lum; 2, A. Hoahm; 3, Leung Tin-sang. Time, 2 mins., 15½ secs.
Championship.—Ho Kwok-lum 10 points; Li In-chak 10 points. In the run off (100 yds.) Ho Kwok-lum won by a yard in 11 secs.

Other Events.

One Mile (open to the Colony).—1, B. A. Hyder; 2, Old; 3, H. A. Wolf. Won easily. Time, 5 mins., 2 secs.
100 Yards Junior.—1, Chung Ying-lu; 2, Sung Wing-pui; 3, Wong Tai-leung. Time, 13.3.10 secs.
220 Yards Junior.—1, Cheung Ying-lin; 2, Wong Tai-leung; 3, Sung Wing-pui. Time, 29.3.10 secs.
50 Yards Fat Men's Race.—1, Mr. Chow Wing-kwok; 2, Mr. J. L. McPherson; 3, Mr. Kam Lai-tung. Time, 1½ secs.

40 Yards Handicap.—1, Leung Tin-sang; 2, Fung In-kan; 3, Yeung Ping-kwai.
220 Yards for Y.M.C.A. Hostel.
Sprint.—1, Tso Shiu-wing's team; 2, O. Foo-pak; 3, Tin Wai-chak. Time, 29.4.10 secs.
440 Yards Junior.—1, Wong Tai-leung; 2, Sung Wing-pui; 3, Kwok Wing-hon.
100 Yards for Y.M.C.A. Ambulance men (to don kit on route).—1, So To-chung; 2, So Chi-keung; 3, Li Kwok-yan.

Relay Race (Students' Hostel).—1, Tso Shiu-wing's team; 2, O. Foo-pak's team; 3, Tin Wai-chak's team.
Discus Throw.—1, Wong Pak-nin; 2, So Tse-keung; 3, Ko Yan-chung. Distance, 55ft., 4 ins.
220 Yards Low Hurdles.—1, G. Chubb; 2, Ko Yan-chung; 3, Cheung Chung-sing. Time 20.3.10 secs.
Relay Race (Boy Scouts).—1, Wesleyan troop; 2, Ellis Kadoorie troop; 3, Saiyungpan troop.

Consolation 100 Yards.—1, Ng Wai-tak; 2, Wong Po-lum; 3, Li Chit-man. Time, 11.1/5 secs.

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Coking coal, essential in converting iron ore into steel, exists at Toledo, Cebu, on a mining property owned by Mr. J. Clayton Nichols, states the Manila Bulletin.

In a recent inspection trip Mr. Warren D. Smith, chief of the division of mines of the bureau of science, visited Mr. Nichols' property. The vein is from 2½ feet to more than three feet in depth and apparently extends over a large area.

Cebu is destined to be the manufacturing centre of the Philippines, said Dr. Smith. "There is this coking coal, possibly an extensive deposit, there is labour, and on Surigao, only a short distance away, there are iron deposits. This is only one aspect of Cebu's advantages as a manufacturing centre. There are other favourable ones."

Dr. Smith also said that there is coking coal at Mount Uling, on the property of the Uling Coal Mines, Ltd. Another vein of coking coal exists at Gatas, in the Sibugay district of the coal properties of the National Coal Company on Zamboanga peninsula, Mindanao. Surveys will determine the extent of all these deposits, which are, almost beyond doubt, of great commercial value if economic mining becomes generally practised here. It was erroneously published in an afternoon paper the coking coal had been found on the National Coal Company's Cebu properties, where the Nichols' and Uling properties were meant.

It is possible, Dr. Smith says, to mine coal profitably at the Malangas (Zamboanga peninsula) mines of the National Coal Company, but at present it is not being mined profitably. There are many factors essential to economic mining at Malangas.

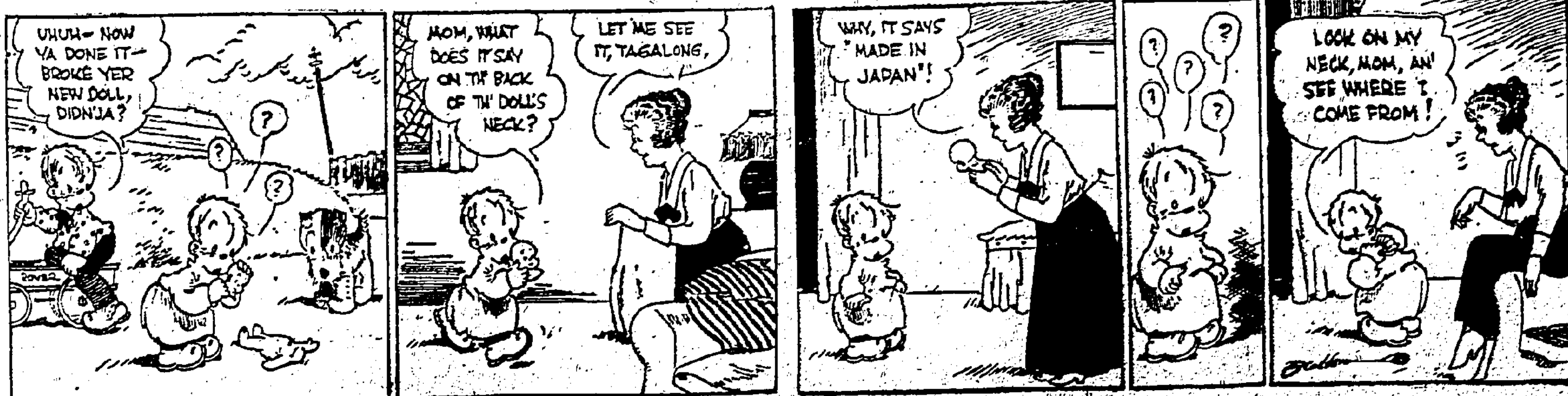
At Coron, Zamboanga peninsula, Captain Leonard and other Zamboanga people are working a gold deposit which promises well. Dr. Smith spent less than a day at the works, and had, of course, no time to make a detailed study of the deposit, but he says it is apparently a good project if handled in a big way.

At Zamboanga, Dr. Smith was shown samples of pure crystallized gypsum from what was said to be a large deposit. Those who had the samples doubted if they were of a material of commercial value. As a matter of fact the National Cement Company has been contemplating having to import gypsum for the manufacture of cement at Cebu. If the Zamboanga deposit is a large one, this will be a possible source of a domestic supply of gypsum. On a later trip Dr. Smith will make further investigation.

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HANDESIDE.—At Kowloon, on December 19th., to Mr. and Mrs. W. Lucas Handyside, a son.

Marriage.

STEWART-COX.—At St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, on 17th. December, 1921, by Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Allan Brown Stewart to Mary Cox.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1921.

THE STRONG HAND IN INDIA.

Although the cable to hand from Calcutta on Saturday was somewhat ambiguously worded, the meaning appears to be sufficiently plain. In reply to an appeal by certain native members of the Indian Legislature, the Viceroy has stated that the Government has not changed its policy, but that in consequence of violence being resorted to by the Non-Co-operators on the arrival of the Prince of Wales, the Government deem it necessary to assert its authority—a policy that is to be maintained whenever needful. We believe this declaration will give general satisfaction to Britishers in the East. Lord Reading took over the reins in India shortly after the inauguration of the Montagu-Chelmsford system, which gives large native representation on the newly-created Indian Legislature and vests very extensive powers in that body. From the day of his landing the new Viceroy gave evidence of his desire to see the new regime administered in the most liberal spirit. Probably not a few Britishers in India and some outside India considered that his Excellency even allowed an excess of latitude. The new Viceroy evidently started with the determination to leave no ground for rational complaint on the side of the native population. This was plainly indicated in his initial speech when he addressed a large gathering of Indians as well as Europeans at the Simla Club.

Nor did the Viceroy stop at general promises. He sought out Mr. Gandhi and the Ali brothers (the respective leaders of the Hindu and the Mahomedan wings of the Non-Co-operation party) and, according to report, if his Excellency was not successful in dissuading them from their campaign, he arranged a concordat by which the leaders pledged themselves to abstain from violence or other breach of the law. More than this, the Rowlatt enactment was revoked the further to pacify any native dissatisfaction. It has often been said that leniency is invariably futile in dealing with Orientals. The prudent man is chary of generalisations, especially in reference to dicta that cover half of the human family; but there are indications that Lord Reading's indulgent attitude has been wrongly interpreted by the Non-Co-operationists. If such be the case, it seems likely that these gentry will yet discover their error. Lord Reading has evidently decided to demonstrate that there is something behind the velvet glove.

The understanding with the Non-Co-operation leaders had not long been arrived at before Mr. Gandhi launched a big fund movement to further the cause with which he is identified. Ostensibly the methods to be pursued were of a peaceful nature, but, as the response to the appeal for funds was not too rapid at the start, the leader began to inflame excitement by promising Swaraj (Home Rule) in six months if the fund were forthcoming. Finally, the fund, or the bulk of it, was subscribed. Mr. Gandhi must surely have known that his promise was vain, but now that time is drawing on he must make some show of redeeming it. Apparently he thinks to produce an effect upon the mind of the populace by rendering the Prince's tour unsuccessful through the organisation of *hurdals* and similar measures. At some places—Benares the other day, for example—the attempt has been a failure; at others, it has been only too successful, leading to bloodshed as well as boycott. Mr. Gandhi, even if sincere himself in relation to pacific methods, must know that there is always this risk of his unruly followers getting out of hand. He must have known it in the first instance, or, if he didn't, he had not long to wait. The news from India shows that the authorities have decided that the time for taking a strong hand has arrived; many arrests are reported. Mr. Gandhi may think himself fortunate that he is not among them.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Healthy Finances.

With the periodic publication in the Government Gazette of the statement of revenue and expenditure for the current year, it is becoming more and more apparent that the finances of the Colony at the present time are in an extremely healthy condition. There has not been one month this year in which the Government's income has not been greater than its expenditure, with the result that up to the end of September there had been a profit on the nine months' working of over \$2,000,000. It has to be borne in mind that the revenue from Land Sales has been very much higher than was expected and that this cannot be treated as an ordinary source of revenue, but it is indeed very satisfactory to note that under the heading "Licences and Internal Revenue" not otherwise specified—included in which are the receipts from the Opium Monopoly—the revenue has considerably increased. This is mainly due to the increased taxation on alcoholic liquors and tobacco, but the interesting feature of the situation is that increased taxation has more than made up the decrease in opium receipts. If the Government can gradually transfer the monies it used to receive from opium to other constant sources (as it has succeeded in doing this year) then we shall get very much nearer the stabilising of our revenues. Another feature of the figures published in the latest *Gazette* is that under the heading of "Public Works Extraordinary" there was spent in the first nine months of the year only \$1,621,496, whereas the Budget was planned to allow of an expenditure of nearly five millions. It is not likely that the big difference between the foregoing figures will be made up before the year comes to an end, a fact which proves that our Budgets are rather ambitiously planned regarding works of public improvement. At the recent budget meeting of the Council an expenditure of over six-and-a-half millions was sanctioned for next year's Public Works Extraordinary, but it is extremely doubtful whether we shall spend anything like that sum when the present year's spendings are borne in mind. Taking the Colony's financial position as a whole there is room for little else than gratification at the fact that we are not only paying our way as we go but are actually saving money. How the completed year will pan out remains to be seen.

A Lost Opportunity.
The news from Canton throughout the whole of last week was not free for one single day of reports telling of the unexampled activity of pirates and bandits. In many cases the details made unpleasant reading and told their own eloquent story of districts being ravaged, houses looted, innocent countryfolk being killed or kidnapped and of troops helpless to cope with the marauding gangs. On Saturday we published information from our Canton correspondent telling how hundreds of armed bandits had swooped down on large villages leaving behind them death and desolation. And we were told the day previously that a certain Government official named Fang, who is on his way to join President Sun Yat-sen, could not proceed farther than the town at which he had then arrived without the escort of a regiment of soldiery. The traffic on the river above Wuchow is totally suspended while to trade between Canton and Wuchow has its own terrors. It is no exaggeration to say that never before in the history of the Two Kwangs has such widespread terror prevailed. We think it a pity that the Canton Government has not been able to handle this matter in a little more business-like way. At the very time when it should have concentrated upon the good governance of the territory under its control, its President goes wandering off with a big army, entertaining ideas of the conquest of the north. Thousands of defeated Kwangsi men, still possessing arms and munitions, have scattered over the countryside adopting their own lawless methods in order to find sustenance and reward. There is talk of the immediate disbandment of many Cantonese troops stationed nearer home, but we cannot help thinking that if these men were utilised in an organised way to clean up the countryside now infested with bandits the Government would stand to gain a great deal of credit it has unquestionably lost.

There was one case of small-pox reported on Saturday, the sufferer being a Britisher. For selling government opium without a licence a Chinese, who was charged by G.P.O. Watt this morning, was sentenced to three months' hard labour. Mr. Lo Chang, Chinese Consul-General in London, has been transferred to Singapore, and Mr. Wu Huang, Consul-General at Singapore, is succeeding him. Mr. Daniel Warren Smith (\$4) of Barkby House, Bickley, Kent, formerly of Hongkong, where he was interested in the *Daily Press*, left estate of the gross value of £53,413. A special dance (evening dress) will be held to-morrow at the Kowloon Theatre at 9 o'clock. Admission ticket costs \$2, including light refreshments, and a limited number is obtainable at Mounties. Three hundred pounds of raw opium comprised the extent of a seizure effected by Revenue Officer Knight and his party aboard the *Prometheus* which arrived here yesterday from Amoy. The drug was concealed in the foc's'le. A small fire broke out in one of the boats in A. King's shipyard about three o'clock yesterday afternoon. Both the main Fire Brigade and the sub-Brigade from the station near by were soon on the scene and in a few minutes the miniature blaze was extinguished. An explosion, resulting in injuries to two workmen, occurred on Saturday, in a motor boat which was being completed on the slipway at Ab King's yard. A light used by the workmen is said to have caused the explosion of a gas tank damaging the motor boat to the extent of \$300. The injured men refused to go to Hospital saying that their injuries could be treated by themselves. To make the trip from Macao to Hongkong and back again in a motor boat that is hardly bigger than those used in Hongkong harbour is the rather noteworthy feat which Mr. Ricou has accomplished over the week-end. Mr. Ricou arrived here on Saturday morning from Macao after an exciting voyage of nearly four hours' duration during which little vessel behaved remarkably well considering her size. She was navigated by Mr. Ricou himself with a crew of two men.

The grounds of the Roman Catholic Cathedral was the scene of a very pleasing function yesterday afternoon when a large number of the poor were entertained. Tea was provided on a large scale for the children while blankets and other creature comforts were distributed to those who required them. The proceedings were brightened by the services of an excellent string band which in the latter part of the afternoon also provided the music for an enjoyable dance held in the Catholic Union Club. Several yards of velvet, which were believed to have been stolen from the cargo of a steamer in the harbour, formed the substance of a charge against a coolie before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning. Inspector Spear said that when arrested the defendant told the police aboard the P. and O. *Dorinda* from which, he stated, he took the cloth. But enquiries made with the officers failed to disclose that this was so. Apparently the cloth had been stolen from some other steamer the name of which defendant was anxious not to disclose. Sentence of three months' hard labour was inflicted.

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DAY BY DAY.

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FUNERAL.

Tributes to the Late Sir Boshan Wei-Yuk.

The funeral procession preceding the interment of the late Sir Boshan Wei-Yuk took place this afternoon and was of a very simple character. Starting from No. 37 Wong Nai Chung Road, the procession turned into Queen's Road and passed the City Hall at about 3 p.m. The route to Kennedy Town from this point was by way of Wing Lok and Queen's Road West. At the western tram junction the procession was joined by a number of friends which included nearly all the higher Government officials and Europeans who had come into contact with the late Sir Boshan in his life-time.

Preceding the hearse, which was heavily laden with wreaths, was a guard of honour provided by a number of district watchmen, with whose welfare and activities the deceased was at one time closely identified. Following the carriage were the chief mourners, Sir Boshan's five sons, their wives and children, numbering sixteen in all. The procession turned back when Kennedy Town was reached and came to the Tung Wah Hospital where the remains were left in the Depository, preparatory to being buried in a local cemetery in the course of a few days.

THE PALUDINA.

Reception on Board.

Members of the staff of the Asiatic Petroleum Company and their wives and their friends visited the *Paludina*, first of four oil-tankers being built for the A.P.C. and its associated companies, at Kowloon Dock, on Saturday afternoon.

The party was conveyed from Blake Pier to the ship in the Company's launches. The visitors inspected the vessel and all were greatly impressed with the fine tanker, which is the first of its kind to be built in the Far East. She is a sister ship to the *Petricola*, which was launched the other day.

A description of the main features of the ship appeared in the columns of this paper when she was launched at Kowloon Dock a few months ago. Since then the finishing touches have been added and she now appears a really fine vessel. She is equipped with all the latest devices in the trade, including a novel instrument which is placed in the wheel house and which shows at a glance whether the navigation lights are burning properly. The *Paludina* is at present taking oil on board preparatory to making her maiden voyage.

Tea and other light refreshments were served on board and the visitors were then conveyed back to Blake Pier, after an interesting and instructive couple of hours.

DANGEROUS PRANK.

Throwing Fire Crackers.
A prank which has been practised with considerable zeal by mischief-makers in Spring Garden Lane was brought to the notice of the Magistrate this morning, in a summons preferred against a ricksha puller. Defendant was charged with firing crackers at 1215 in the morning, and provoking a breach of the peace.

Sergeant Post said that whilst on duty in the early hours of this morning in Spring Garden Lane he saw defendant throw a lighted cracker amongst a crowd of sailors.

Defendant: I was pulling my ricksha along. Someone threw a cracker into my ricksha and to prevent it from exploding and spoiling the cushion I picked it up and threw it away. It was by pure accident that it hit one of the sailors.

Sergeant Post said that defendant had still another cracker which he was on the point of throwing, when arrested.

Inspector Blackman, in charge of the Wanchai Station, said that in this form of disturbance was a nightly occurrence in Spring Garden Lane. Several cases had come to his notice in which Europeans were concerned. He had thought sailors were the principal offenders, but now found himself mistaken in this view.

William O'Connor, of H.M.S. Merlin, deposed that one of the crackers thrown by defendant hit him in the eye, but fortunately did not explode until it had fallen to the ground.

A fine of \$7 or fourteen days in the alternative was inflicted.

SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

Britisher Found Shot.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Mr. H. R. Adams was found dead in pool of blood in his home on Sunday. A revolver was lying near and suicide is presumed. Deceased was Assistant Clerk to the British Supreme Court and had an excellent war record. Both judges paid a tribute to the deceased from the Bench this morning.

BRITISH SEAMEN CHARGED.

Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Four Britisher-seamen are being held on trial in the Upper Court on a charge of impersonating the police with a view to extortion.

SHANTUNG RAILWAY.

Shanghai Bankers Interested.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Shanghai, Dec. 19.
Shanghai bankers are taking steps to raise money to finance the purchase of the Shantung Railway.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

Hongkong League.

The Hongkong Rifle League commences its season on Saturday, 7th January, when H.M.S. Ambrose meet H.M.S. Cairo and H.K. Police shoot against H.K. Defence Corps.

There are eight teams competing, viz., H.M.S. Ambrose, H.M.S. Cairo, H.M.S. Tamar, H.M.S. Titania, Hongkong Police, Hongkong Volunteers, R.N. Dockyard and Royal Engineers. The competitions will finish on 15th March. Ranges will be arranged mutually between opposing teams and results of matches with individual scores will be sent to the Hon. Secretary the day following the shooting.

There are medals for the winning team; and the runners-up will have medals or a cup, as desired.

A LARGE DOCK UNDER CONSTRUCTION BY THE ASANO. The Asano Dockyard Company is at present constructing a dock with a capacity for a 20,000-ton ship at Hashimoto.

Between Ourselves

By Robt. MacWhirter.

Knowing that I used to be interested, a friend of mine at Home has sent me out a book. It's name is "The Fall of Mary Stuart" (Constable) and F. A. Mumby, the author. Man, considering the very large number of books gotten out already dealing with the Queen of Scots I'd have thought that most every thing that could have been said had been said long ago. So it was with little interest that I tackled this latest book during the week-end. But I may as well have saved the time for anything fresh that Mr. Mumby had to tell me. I had been led to understand that the heavy cost of paper and printers' wages had helped a lot to keep reprints off the market, but apparently I've been misinformed, for by the Hocky Fly, I'll swear I've read all you before. Supposed to be told from contemporary records, the story neither adds nor takes away from the ordinary version, maskee whether it be that given by perverted Jacobites or those of the other side who could see nothing but the Scarlet Woman in the young misguided Queen.

There it all was, could I tell again, the tangled story of her marriage—wif Darnley, of the "lang lad's" murder by Bothwell and Bothwell's marriage with Mary; of Mary's imprisonment and final escape to England where she was at once placed in custody by her cousin, Queen Elizabeth. I've got very little time for contemporary records. A lie whether written in a private letter or in a state document does not become a truth because it happens to be 350 years old. Mary's enemies and friends wrote and told lies by the score. They corroborated one another with an exactness exceeding the accuracy of shorthand reporters of the present century. Which ever side you're on will regard to Mary, you can see yet plenty of corroborative contemporary evidence which will make a fine case. I know because—well, I've been young myself. And there I think much of the cause of this taking sides over the memory of a dead Queen.

The average Scot's boy while at the school gets it steadily drummed into him that Mary was a strumpet and altogether a bad woman. The reason is mainly religious. Mary was a Catholic. Scottish History of the period is biased, having for its groundwork Knox's "History of the Reformation" and George Buchanan's History. Both these men were contemporary with Mary and hated her worse than poison. They held opposite, creeds—religious and political. By and by, when the boy becomes a reading and thinking young man and runs across some very apt to swing right over in the opposite direction and see her in the light of everything that's tragic, romantic and remarkable. He begins to get enthusiastic and is eye ready to take up the cudgels in argument on her behalf. Some have been so much under the sway of her personality as to even write books about her.

When a man begins to get up in years though, he begins to get a wee bit more savvy, especially about women folk. He begins to find out that a woman is about the last being on earth to start getting positive about, with the result that at fifty, the Maryist is generally led to admit, at least to himself, that if she hadn't been among the crows she wouldn't have been shot at.

There's one point though that I've occasionally pondered over of late years. You'll maybe mind that Riccio, her Italian Secretary, was the bird that Darnley had removed. James VI. was then three months off being born and Mary and hubby were napping, getting on very well together. Scandalous tongues at the time alleged that Riccio was the royal infant's dad and no Darnley at all. Certainly there is some confirmation of this in Mary's anxiety to convince Darnley of his paternity. "My Lord," said she, when the King came to have a look-see at Scotland's heir, "God has given you and me a son begotten by none but you." Then she took the child and said again "My Lord, here I protest to God and as I shall answer to Him on the great Day of Judgment, this is your son and no other man's son." So there you are, take it or leave it.

Now if the thought can be tolerated for a moment that Darnley was made cuckold what in the name of fortune kind o' Stuart was you that was James the First of England. That would have made him half Italian, quarter French and the rest, daft Scots. In any case, even assuming that Mary stuck to the letter of her marriage vows, the father of her child was a moral weakling and wif the mother in you condition right in the middle o' a sixty wound murder, was it to be wondered at, if we believe anything regarding pre-natal influence, that the later Stuarts, were anything else but a lot o' washouts? We had to defend our beliefs against Charles I. and our faith against James II. Who knows but that the cause of this moral perversity may have had its origin in this very act? I've never yet seen the point raised but I believe there's something in it for all that.

Alas, poor Mary, said to have been the most beautiful woman of her time. From existing portraits, however, we cannot find much to rave about, but on the other hand her painters might have been mere duffers.

Of course, the fascination of personality depends as much on the period as on the person. The posthumous attraction of historical personages is more or less a poetised reflection of their temporary influence, depending largely on the romantic strangeness of dress and customs, on the shading out of the contradictions of actuality and the legendary accretions that in time become as indistinguishable from ascertainable reality as sunset clouds from distant mountains. We cannot therefore, reconcile the possibility of exchanging our ideal notion of any historical personage for an actual uncompromising impression. Think of the shock of meeting Cleopatra in the Hotel Louvre. Our dusky, glittering dream of Egyptian passion would maybe have to give way to the impression of a swartly, overdressed, hysterical hag.

Wif Mary Stuart, I'm afraid it would work out somewhat the same way, if we knew all the facts. As it is we only see her historically through the softened gloom of her unlawful imprisonment and unrighteous death.

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Saturday's Matches.

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HONGKONG LEAGUE:-

H.K. Club 6 H.M.S. Titania 0

H.M.S. Tamar 1 Wilshire 1

Kowloon 1 H.M.S. Ambrose 0

S.C.A. 3 R.G.A. 0

H.M.S. Cairo 2 H.K. Police 0

Punjab 1 Club Res. 0

University 4 St. Joseph's 0

Wills 4 S.C. "A" 2

S.C. "B" 2 Kowloon Res. 0

CLUB v. TITANIA.

The Club stand was comfortably filled when Bates set the ball in motion for the sailors in a game that was very one-sided, the sailors fielding a weak side especially in the back division. The game had a sensational opening for Begg put the Club one up in the opening minute. The sailors backs never settled down and it was the general question how many goals would the Club put on. Following midfield play in which the Club middle line showed to advantage the home forward got away and Begg, enticing Phillips out of goal, beat him but just got to the ball as it was going over the line, and returned it to Kuhr who shot at goal and one of the defending backs ran it and punched the ball out. Begg being offside when the ball was shot in by Kuhr. The Club were awarded a penalty kick and Forsyth scored. The sailors forwards could make little headway against the Club defence and after Phillips had saved well from Begg he was well beaten by Forsyth.

Being three goals down, the sailors tried to get through but

McCubbin and Rodger cleared well. Cooper sent over a long shot which G. Rodger cleared. Begg again got through and from close range he let go a hard drive at Phillips, the ball rebounding from the goal and spinning into the opposite corner of the net making the Club 4 goals up. Almost from the centre kick the ball was again in the net. Begg beat Sutherland and gave to Kuhr who was followed by Wilkins and the Club inside left sent out to Banner who returned quickly and Kuhr meeting the ball gave Phillips no chance. Shortly after the whistle sounded for half time with the Club leading by 5 goals to nil.

Resuming, the sailors fielded only ten men, Riley being off injured. Hendry went back and Sutherland took up the position at inside right. The play in the half was more even. Hendry giving the goalkeeper more light and playing well up the field. The sailors forwards improved in the open but were bad at shooting. Rodger having to save from Cooper only. Begg for the Club, almost got through on several occasions but Phillips cleared well. During one of Begg's dashes he ran heavily against Knighting and fell almost senseless and was carried clear of play. On the ball being dropped Hendry sent out to Cooper who sent in a long shot which G. Rodger cleared at the second attempt. Towards the close of the game Forsyth put the Club further ahead by running through and beating Phillips close in. The sailors tried hard to get one and shots from Bates and Patrick went wide off the posts. Time arrived with the Club winners by six to love.

McCubbin, who turned out in the place of Gerrard, was applauded for good work at back. The Clubside was not extended but all showed marked improvement. The inside forward played together and Banner sent in some good centres. England was out to score and many a good run was spoiled by the winger shooting behind. The Club middle line played well and gave their forwards every chance to get away. For the sailors, Phillips played well in goal but found the Club's forwards too good for him, with his backs being unsafe and playing much too near the goal. Bates played well in the sailors' forward line, while Cooper and Garside on the respective wings put in some good work. Wilkins bore the brunt of the work but he did not play up to his usual standard.

The old players of the team leave the Colony to-day for home.

WILTS. v. TAMAR.

The best match of the week-end was played between the services on Navy "B" ground, a fast game throughout ending in a draw of one all. The sailors were the first to attack but the Wilts' defence returned to midfield where a battle royal took place between the opposing halves. The soldiers broke away on the left and Mitch saved well from Amor. Turner was called upon to save from Atkey and Brazen-dale, and the soldiers again were close in, Swanborough dallying with the ball in front of goal was robbed by Redgate. At the other end Turner was lucky to turn a shot from Atkey round the post. Half time arrived with the score sheet blank.

The second half was full of excitement for each side gave of its best, and good football was the result. Shots were sent in from all directions, but the goalies were very safe and treated all shots alike but clearing to midfield. During a raid by the Wilts. on the Tamar's goal, one of the defenders handled close in and the soldiers were awarded a penalty kick. Mitch saved from Moore and the ball going away to the left. Hatton ran in and kicked behind. The Wilts. were not dismayed for it was a clever save. Warren taking the kick placed the ball on top of Monahan's head, who sent the ball into the net and opened the score amidst wild cheering.

The sailors were out to equalise and did not have to wait long, for "Hill" getting through was

chased by Moore and the back stumbled, put his hands out to save himself and was deemed guilty of pushing and as the offence was committed inside the penalty area the referee gave the sailors a penalty kick, from which Hudson beat Turner and made the score one all. Only five minutes remained for play and each side struggled hard for the winning goal but time defeated them and the final whistle sounded, leaving the sides equal in a fast game.

The Wilts' forwards were little in advance of the Tamar's but the sailors were better served by their defence. Mitch was the hero of the match. His saves bringing him well merited applause. Hatton was a tower of strength at back, and with a strong kick always returned well over the middle line. Hudson did well and kept the Wilts' forwards under control.

Turner saved the Wilts. from defeat by bringing off some clever saves. The forwards worked well together but found Mitch on the top of his form.

S.C.A. v. R.G.A.

It was expected that the Chinese would have the better of the game against the R.G.A. at Soekunpoo but a 3 to nil defeat for the soldiers was unexpected. This reverse was chiefly due to the display of Frampton at left back who scored one of the goals for the Chinese and mickicking close in gave Woods no chance to stop Wong Pak Chong who, following up, sent the ball into the net from close range.

In the first half of the game he was off the field for a good time, during which the R.G.A. had much the better of the game. On his return he made such a poor show and let his side down. The soldiers missed on several occasions and the work of the forwards in front of goal was painful to watch. Half time the Chinese were leading by one goal to nil. The second half opened in favour during a raid by the R.G.A. on the Chinese goal, Leung Tai Fook handled in the penalty area and Walker taking the kick sent in low and Lau Wing Cheong practically threw himself at the ball and turned it round the post amidst wild cheering from the Chinese spectators and was well applauded from the stand. The Chinese cleared and getting away on the left, Ip Kau trapped a centre close in and gave Woods no chance and made the game almost certain for the Chinese. The soldiers tried hard to pull the game out of the fire but Lau played well in goal. Just on time Wong sent in a shot from long range and Frampton in trying to clear, headed, passed up. Time arrived shortly afterwards leaving the Chinese winners by three clear goals.

The Chinese were well served by their wings who played a fast game and sent over accurate centres. Lau in the Chinese goal also did well and by saving the penalty also saved his side from defeat. The soldiers had most of the game but their forwards were out of practice and Tellett was slow in front of goal. Walker played a sound defensive game and showed to advantage during his colleague's absence from the field. The soldiers' middle line played well and at times were taking pot shots at goal. Woods saved well and the three

goals that beat him were not due to him but to the left back.

KOWLOON v. AMBROSE.

The Kowloon men continued their run of successes by beating the sailors on the Navy "A" ground by one goal to nil. The sailors turned out a good points on their play. The game was evenly contested throughout, but Kowloon won through Townsend beating Coysch close in. The sailors' front line showed improvement and with a little better understanding should prove a dangerous attack. Coysch played a good game in goal. Crocker played well and Kowloon will be hard pressed to replace him, as this was the last match he will play for them this season, as the Navy reliefs are leaving on the Bellerophon during the coming week. Weyman was the pick of a good middle line while Coombes was in good form on the left wing.

CAIRO v. POLICE.

Playing without Valentine, the Police went down

the South China ground by two clear goals before the Cairo, who played a much improved game and scored once in each half. The Police should have shared the points with the sailors on their play, but their forwards following good work in the open failed miserably in front of goal. Mair crossed over to the left wing and Capill came in on the right. Pearson played well and was ably assisted by Watson and Robertson but the inside men are badly in want of practice. The defence was sound but could not stand the continued attacks by the sailors. Stevenson greatly improved the sailors' attack.

The Punjabis repeated their success of last season when they beat the Club Reserves by one goal to nil on the railway ground, Kowloon. The Indian soldiers beat the home team on the Club ground last year in the opening match of the season.

Kowloon Reserves went down to the Chinese "B" team by two clear goals. Wills' Reserves beat the Chinese "A" team on the South China ground by four goals to two. The game was fast throughout, and for fully fifty minutes was evenly contested. Towards the close, the soldiers assumed the upper hand and put on 3 goals, winning as above.

University beat St. Joseph's by four clear goals on the College ground. Samy scored from a penalty and adding two more goals before the end and Cheah also scoring, the University won easily.

This afternoon the R. G. A. play the Titania in a First division league match at Soekunpoo. Kick off 4.00 p.m.

PAYING THE FOREIGN LOANS.

Upon receiving the telegrams of Dr. Wellington Koo and Mr. Alfred Sze urging the prompt repayment of the foreign loans falling due so that the national credit abroad could be maintained, President Hsu has turned it over to the Ministry of Finance for deliberation. The Minister consulted the Department concerned accordingly and they have determined to organize the Foreign Loan Readjustment Commission immediately.—Wan Pao.

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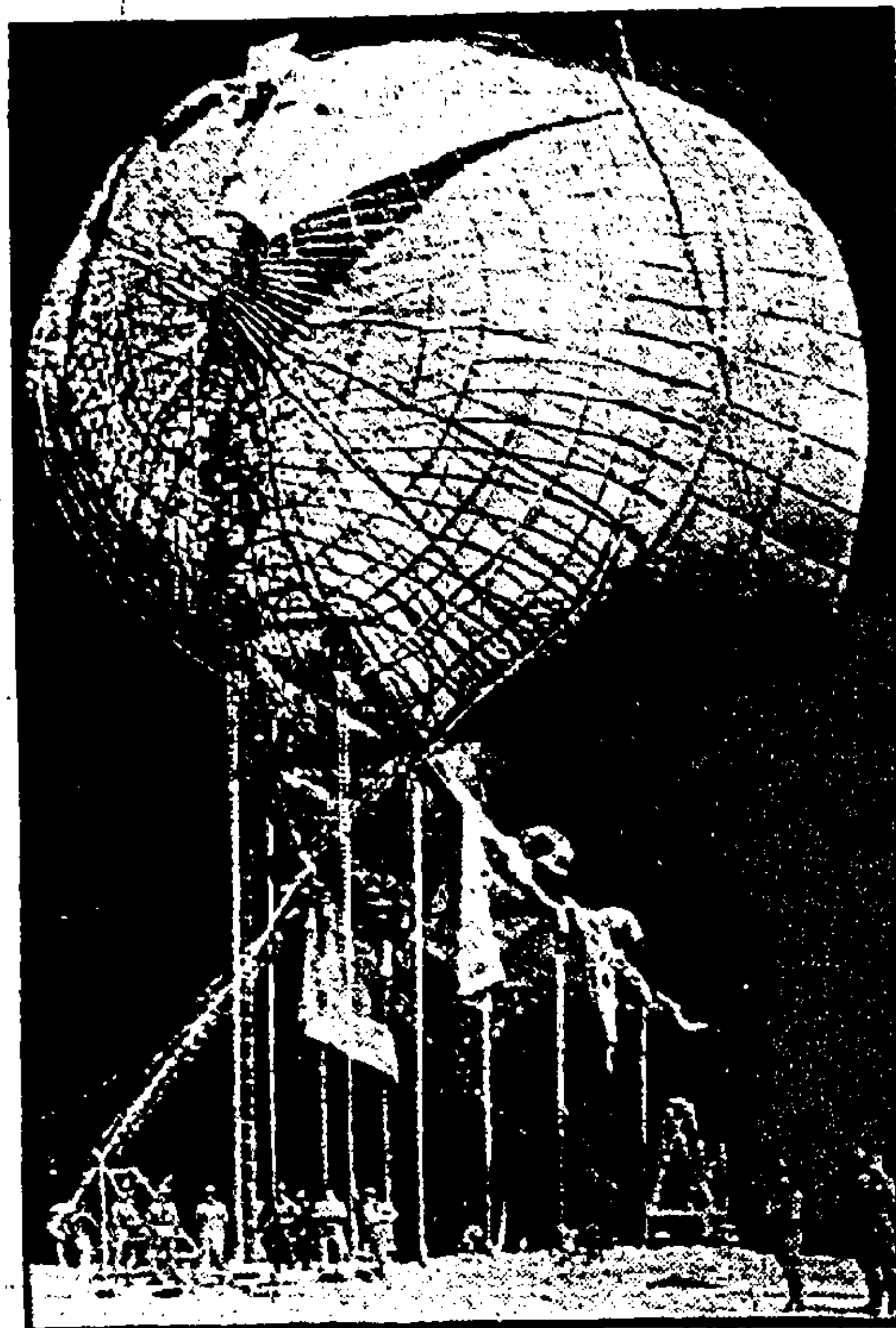
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Lady Victoria Murray, sister of the Earl of Dunmore, driving her tractor plow on her farm of 300 acres at Macclesfield. She marketed 160,000 eggs, 40,000 gallons of milk and hundreds of dressed fowl last year.

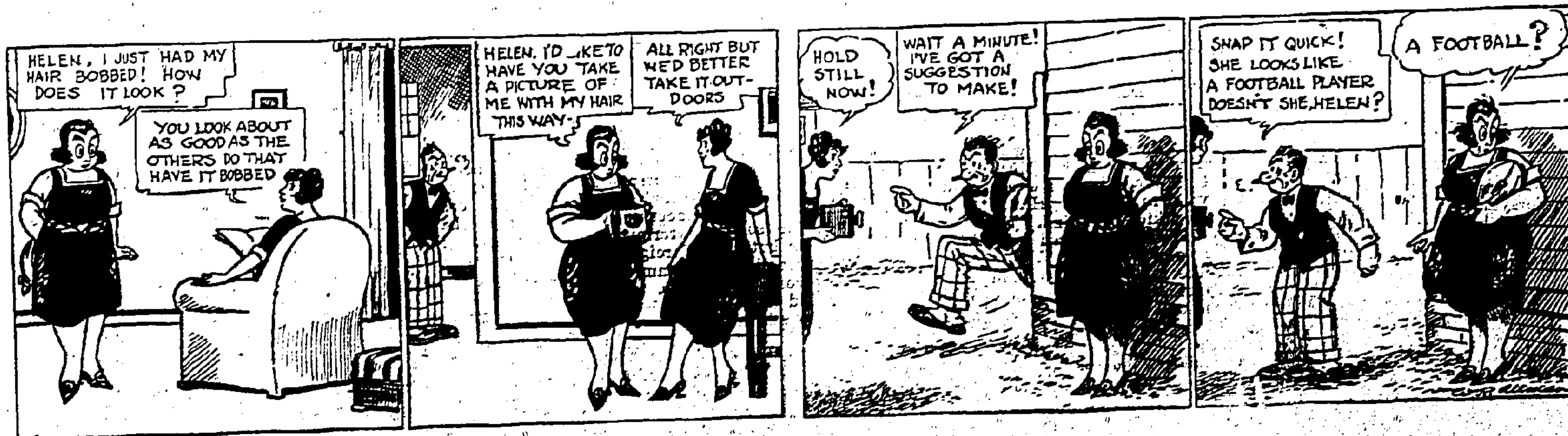


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DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

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anghai, N. China & Japan	Tjilivong	Tues., 20 Dec., 11 a.m.
anghai & N. China	Szechuen	Tues., 20 Dec., 11 a.m.
astow, Amoy & Foochow	Hailong	Tues., 20 Dec., 11 a.m.
anghai, N. China & Japan	Kashmir	Tues., 20 Dec., 1.30 p.m.
anghai, N. China & Ceylon		
anghai, N. China & Mauritius		
anghai, N. China & South Africa		
anghai, N. China & India		
anghai, N. China & Egypt & Europe		
anghai, N. China & Europe		
astow, Straits & Bangkok	Bellerophon	Tues., 20 Dec., 2 p.m.
astow, Straits & Bangkok	Kanchow	Tues., 20 Dec., 2 p.m.
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Out of Luck.
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morning. The time set by law for filling of vacancies had passed and the ballots had been printed, so the only recourse of the Democrats voting a straight ticket, was to cast a ballot for the late Mr. Smith and leave the filling of the place to appointment in the event of a Democratic victory. Hermon W. De Long, jr., is the Republican candidate for town clerk.

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The *Shunpoo* reports:—Dr. Schurman, the U.S. Minister to Peking, has officially approached the Department for Foreign Affairs, demanding the Department to previously arrange measures to protect the Americans in the province of Anhwei with regard to mutilities which might occur there, in future.

COMMERCIAL NEWS

JAPANESE BUSINESS IN SHANTUNG.

At present, according to authentic investigation, there are forty-five Japanese trusts in Shantung Province which apparently control the financial rights of the whole Province. They are still investigating and enticing the Chinese to organize other financial organizations under the pretext of Sino-Japanese management. But the local Students' Unions have admonished the Chinese from being deluded by them.—Yokohama Specie.

BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR.

The Board of Trade announces that the next British Industries Fair, which is organized by the Department of Overseas Trade, will be held from Feb. 27 to March 10, 1922. Following the precedent of previous years, this great display of British products will not be confined to one locality, but will be divided between the White City, London, and the Castle Bromwich Aerodrome, Birmingham. Additional accommodation has been secured in both cities to meet exhibitors' demands for space.

TEXTILES.

The Shao Hua Cotton Weaving Factory has requested the Ministry of Agriculture and Commerce for registration of its trade marks.—The Hunan Cotton Mill, situated at Changsha, is a pioneer mill in the cotton spinning industry. It has now 10,000 spindles in operation and about 400 men at work. Expansion is shortly to take place. The Yu Chung Cotton Mill, situated at Wuhu, Anhwei, is planning to purchase an addition of 5,000 spindles to the 10,000 now in operation. For this purpose \$200,000 capital is to be subscribed, one-fourth of which will be raised from the old shareholders.

"THE OFFICIAL FRENCH FAIR."

The *Journal Industrielle* announces that the League for the Defence of the Economic Interests of Northern France has adopted a resolution requesting that the Lyons Fair by the consent of all shall be acknowledged the chief fair in France and shall be proclaimed by all public bodies the "Official French Fair."

GERMAN TRADE WITH INDIA.

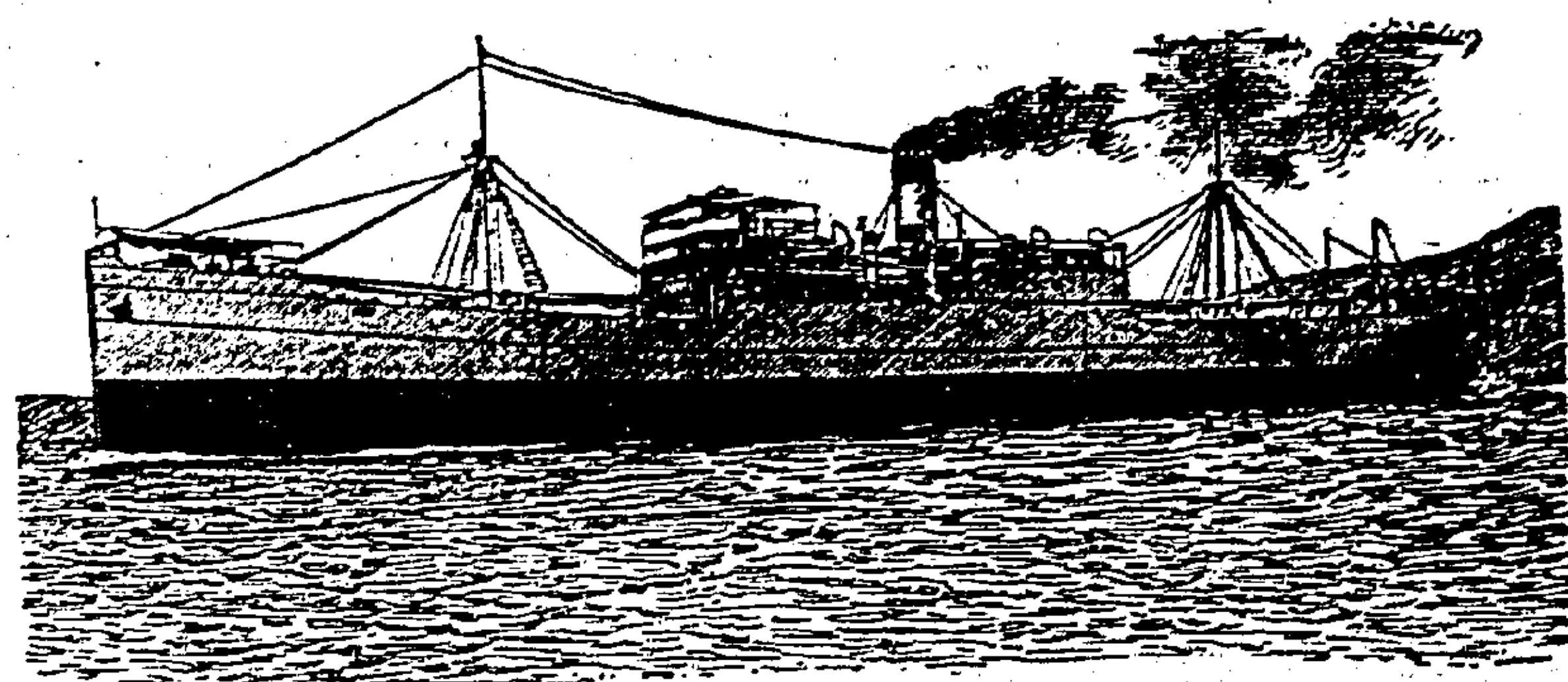
Returns covering the four months ended 31st July last show how Germany is recovering her Indian trade. In the first quarter of 1920 India exported to Germany goods valued at £58,000,000 and took from Germany goods valued at £2,000,000. The second quarter of 1921 showed India's exports to Germany as £139,000,000 and her imports from Germany as £35,000,000. Germany's main import from India is rice, and she is now India's best customer for raw cotton. She has sent to India more than twice as much dye as in 1920. German glass and hardware are also finding their way back to India in increasing quantities. The figures for machinery and metals are also higher.

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DONGOLA	8,000	4th Jan.	M'ss. London & Antwerp
DILWARA	5,200	12th Jan.	S'pore, Colombo & B'bay

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS (South)

TANDA	7,000	17 Dec. 1 p.m.	Calcutta via Straits.
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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

ARAFURA	6,000	9th Jan.	Melbourne via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane and Sydney.
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SEWA MARU (Calling Manila)	Saturday, 14th Jan.	at 11 a.m.
FUSHIMI MARU	Wednesday, 8th Feb.	at 11 a.m.

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YOKOHAMA MARU	Friday, 23rd Dec.	at 11 a.m.
YOSHINO MARU	Friday, 6th Jan.	at 11 a.m.
MISHIMA MARU	Friday, 20th Jan.	at 11 a.m.

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.

LIMA MARU ... Thursday, 19th January.

LIVERPOOL, via MARSEILLES.

TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Thursday 9th February.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, Zamboanga, Thursday Island, Townsville & Brisbane.

TANCO MARU	Tuesday, 20th Dec.	at 11 a.m.
NIKKO MARU	Tuesday, 17th Jan.	at 11 a.m.

NEW YORK VIA PANAMA & CUBAN PORTS.

TORA MARU ... Friday, 30th Dec.

NEW YORK via Suez.

TSUYAMA MARU ... Monday, 2nd January.

RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Cape.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo

AWA MARU ... Tuesday, 20th December.

TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 2nd January.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

YEBOSHI MARU ... Thursday, 29th December.

NAGANO MARU ... Thursday, 5th January.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

AKI MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Jan., at 11 a.m.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

SADO MARU ... Friday, 23rd Dec., at 11 a.m.

TSURUGA MARU (Calling Kure) Saturday, 31st Dec.

KITANO MARU ... Sunday, 8th Jan., at 11 a.m.

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Methven	Java	in port	—	—
Sapara	Java	in port	22nd Dec.	Saigon/Java
Tjikembang	Java	29th Dec.	21st Dec.	Amoy/S'hai
Tjikong	Java	29th Dec.	22nd Dec.	Japan via S'hai
Tjikap	Java	30th Dec.	7th Jan.	Batavia
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"DACRE CASTLE"	end of Jan.

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"TRIESTE"	end January.

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FROM CALCUTTA TO SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

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Steamers	Sailing
Kazembe	18th Dec. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg
Newby Hall	12th Jan. London, Rotterdam & Hamburg

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City of Manchester	20th Feb.	London
City of Simla	Middle of Mar.	London

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OUTWARDS.

Vessel	Due Hongkong.
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M.V. "GLENNAVY"	19th December.
"GLENLUCE"	23rd December.
S.S. "GLENSHANE"	31st December.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
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M.V. "GLENNAVY"	28th Jan.	GENOA, LONDON, E'DAM & H'BURG
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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Wed. 21st Dec. at noon.
BANGKOK via Swatow	Hopsang	Thur. 22nd Dec. at d light.
SHAI & T'ian via S'ow	Wingsang	Thur. 22nd Dec. at d light.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 23rd Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHAI, Yokohama & Kobe	Loongsang	Sat. 24th Dec. at noon.
SHAI & Calcutta	Laisang	Sat. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG via Hoithow	Laisang	Sun. 25th Dec. at 10 a.m.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
HONGKONG	Hulchow	20th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	Szechuen	20th Dec. at noon.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	Kanchow	20th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Soochow	22nd Dec. at noon.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	Yingchow	24th Dec. at 4 p.m.
PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	Kailong	25th Dec. at 10 a.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	3rd Jan. at noon.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

THE N.K.K.

An ordinary general meeting of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha approved of a proposal for paying a 9 per cent. dividend for the current term.

EX-GERMAN LINER.

The ex-German a. Columbus, 35,000 tons gross, ordered prior to the war by the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and now owned by the White Star Line, has been renamed Homerick.

THE DAIGAN MARU.

The Daigan Maru, 1921 tons, of the Uchida Steam Navigation Co., is reported missing on a voyage from Yokohama to the Hokkaido. It is feared that she has foundered with all hands.

JAPAN'S MERCANTILE FLEET.

According to official Japanese figures there is now under Japanese registry a total number of 2,933 steamers, of 3,012,447 tons gross. Vessels ranging from 5,000 to 6,000 tons number no fewer than 114.

C. N. C. STEAMER ASHORE.

The China Navigation Company's river steamer Woosung is reported to have gone ashore on the sand bar at Wuhu. Further details are lacking, though it is stated that the vessel is quite uninjured.

CHINA'S WIRELESS STATIONS.

A greater part of the wireless stations established in China are owned by foreigners, those owned by the Ministry of Communications being only eight in number. They are in Peking, Kalgan, Wuchang, Foochow, Woosung, Canton, Zungming and Shanghai. Besides these, there are three others belonging to the Ministry of War established in Peking, Tientsin and Paoing, while another controlled by the Ministry of Navy at Tunchow has not been opened to service yet.

THE HSIN KIANGTEEN.

The twin-screw steamer Hsin Kiangteen, built and engineered by the Shanghai Dock & Engineering Co., Ltd., to the order of the China Merchants S. N. Co., for service between Shanghai and Ningpo, successfully ran her official trials outside Woosung. The Hsin Kiangteen measures 310 ft. long by 48 ft., moulded breadth and 23 ft., depth to upper deck and is propelled by two independent sets of triple expansion surface condensing engines; the passenger accommodation is large and luxuriously furnished, and the vessel throughout is fitted with the most up-to-date fittings and requirements of a modern steamer for Chinese and foreign passengers. She left the Old Dock with a large party of guests on board and proceeded down the river to the official measured mile outside Woosung, where her speed trials were run. After being successfully tried for manoeuvring qualities, the Hsin Kiangteen returned to Shanghai, the trials having proved entirely successful in every respect. The appearance and finish of the vessel are up to the dock company's usual high standard of excellence and drew forth most favourable comments from all on board.

THE HARRIMAN LINES.

After the first of the year the Harriman lines will have a considerable advantage over other American shipping companies in the competition for German business, unless some other company steps in and takes the place of the United States Mail Line in the contract, with the North German Lloyd. The contract of the Harriman lines with the Hamburg-American will continue according to programme, but the contract of the United States Mail Line with the North German Lloyd will be allowed to expire automatically January 1. This was determined at a conference of the Shipping Board attended by Albert E. Lasker, chairman of the board, officials of the United States Line, the successor to the United States Mail Line, and officials of the North German Lloyd. The conference decided that the contract between the United States Mail Line and the North German Lloyd was not assignable to the United States Line under the receivership of the United States Mail Line and would have to be allowed to expire at the end of the current year. Until the North German Lloyd makes an arrangement with some other company the ships of the United States Line, until disposed of, will continue to be operated under the general terms of the agreement with the North German Lloyd, with the exception that neither the Shipping Board nor the United States Line will act as agents for the North German Lloyd.

